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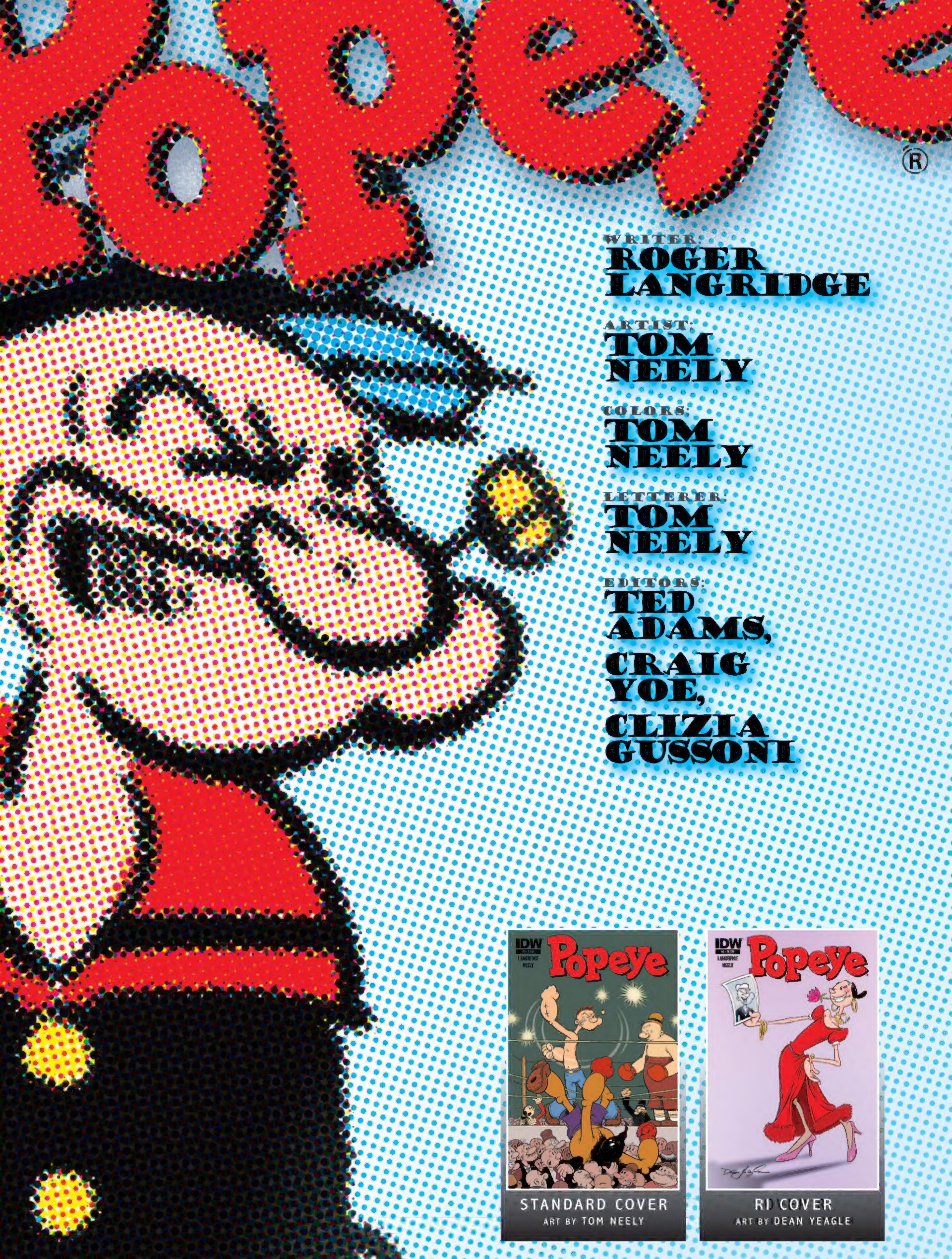
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THIMBLE THEATER PRESENTS
E.C. SEGAR'S

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the PHANTOM CRUSHER



WHAT A STATE OF AFFAIRS!
WIMPY IN THE RING AGAINST
A MYSTERY FIGHTER,
ABOUT TO HAVE HIS TICKET
PUNCHED? CALAMITY! OH, WOE!
HOW DID SUCH A THING
COME TO PASS?
JOIN US, DEAR READER--
AND LET US WATCH EVENTS
UNFOLD FROM THE
VERY BEGINNING...

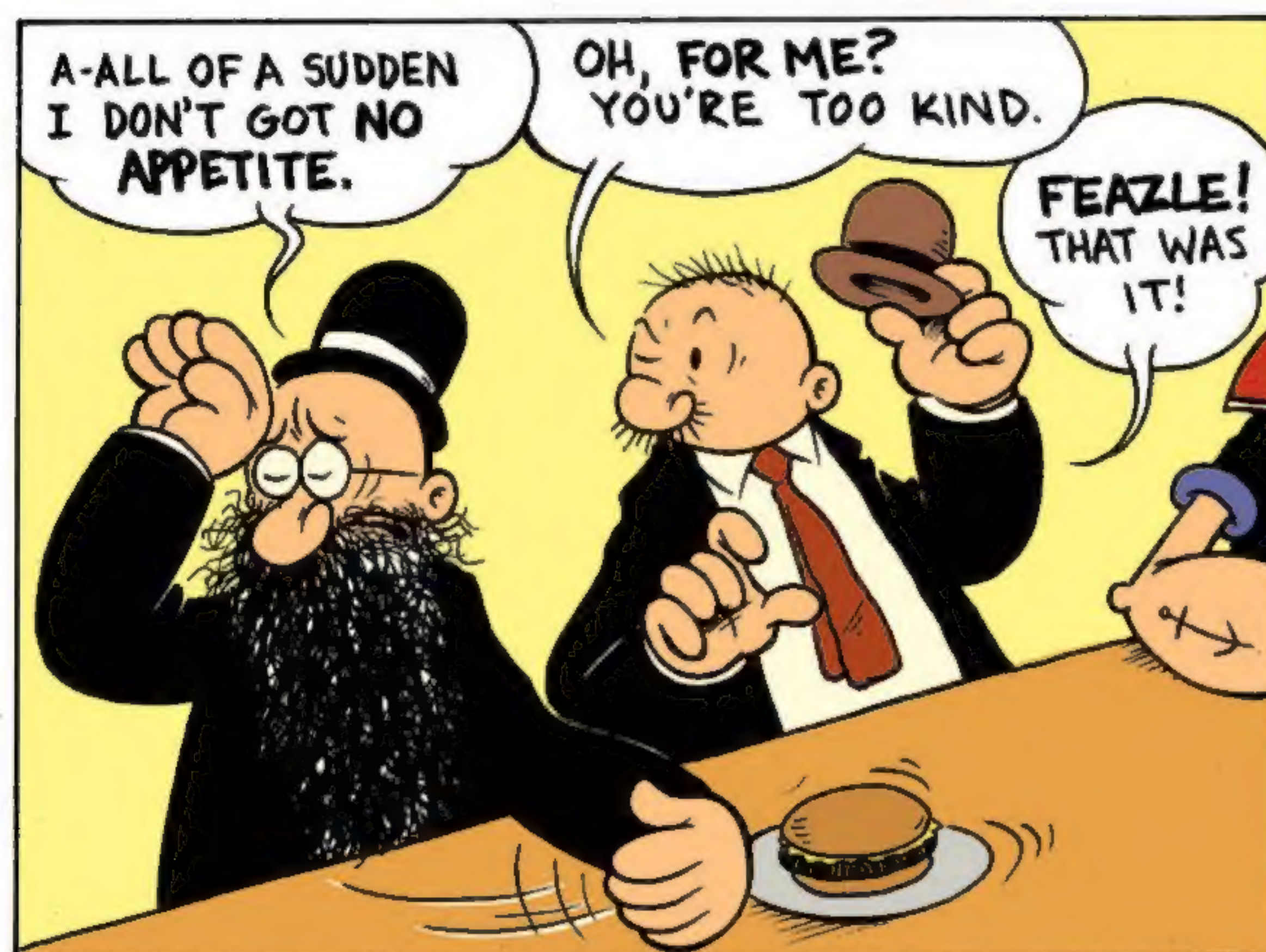
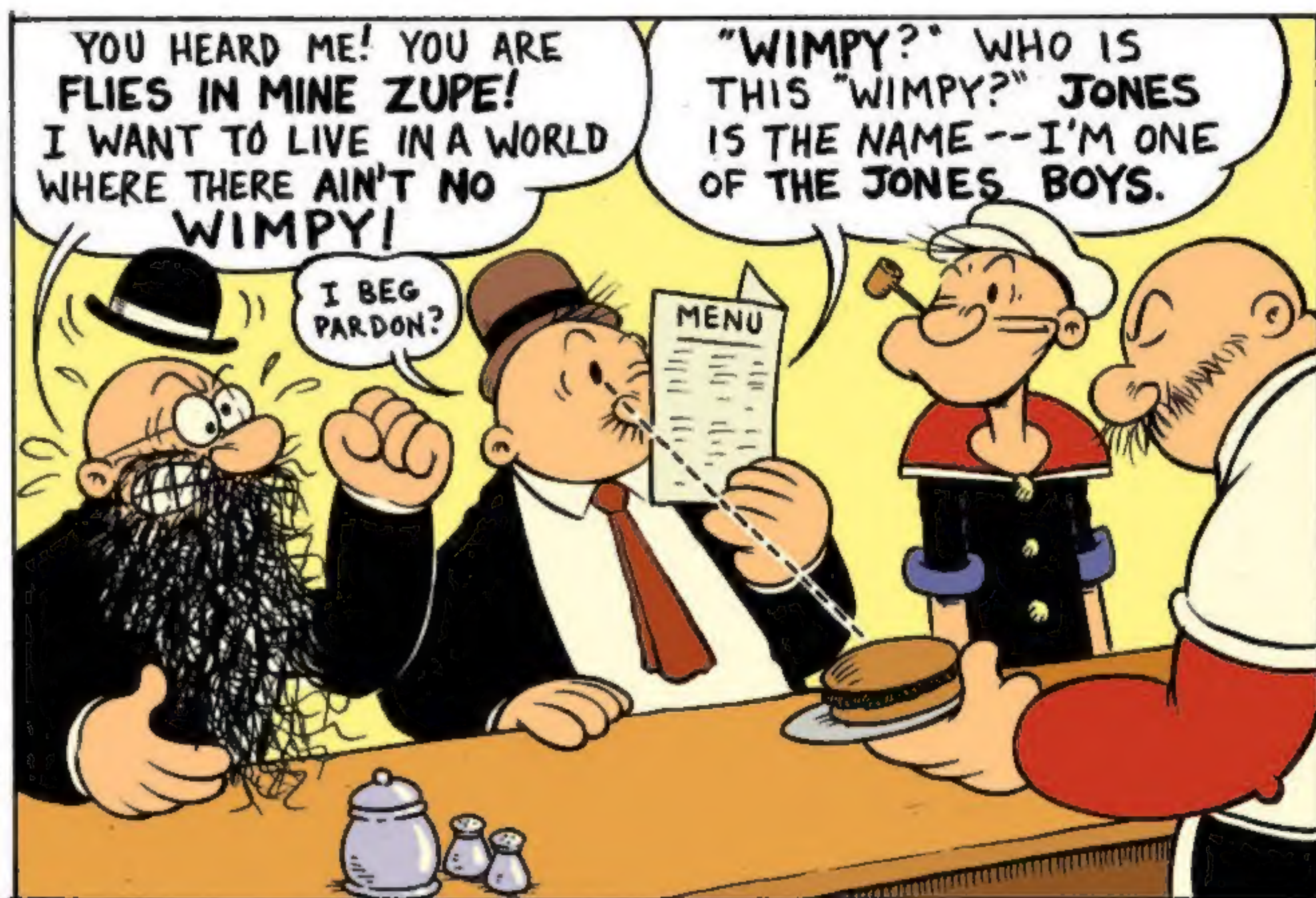
ONE DAY AT THE ROUGH-HOUSE CAFE...

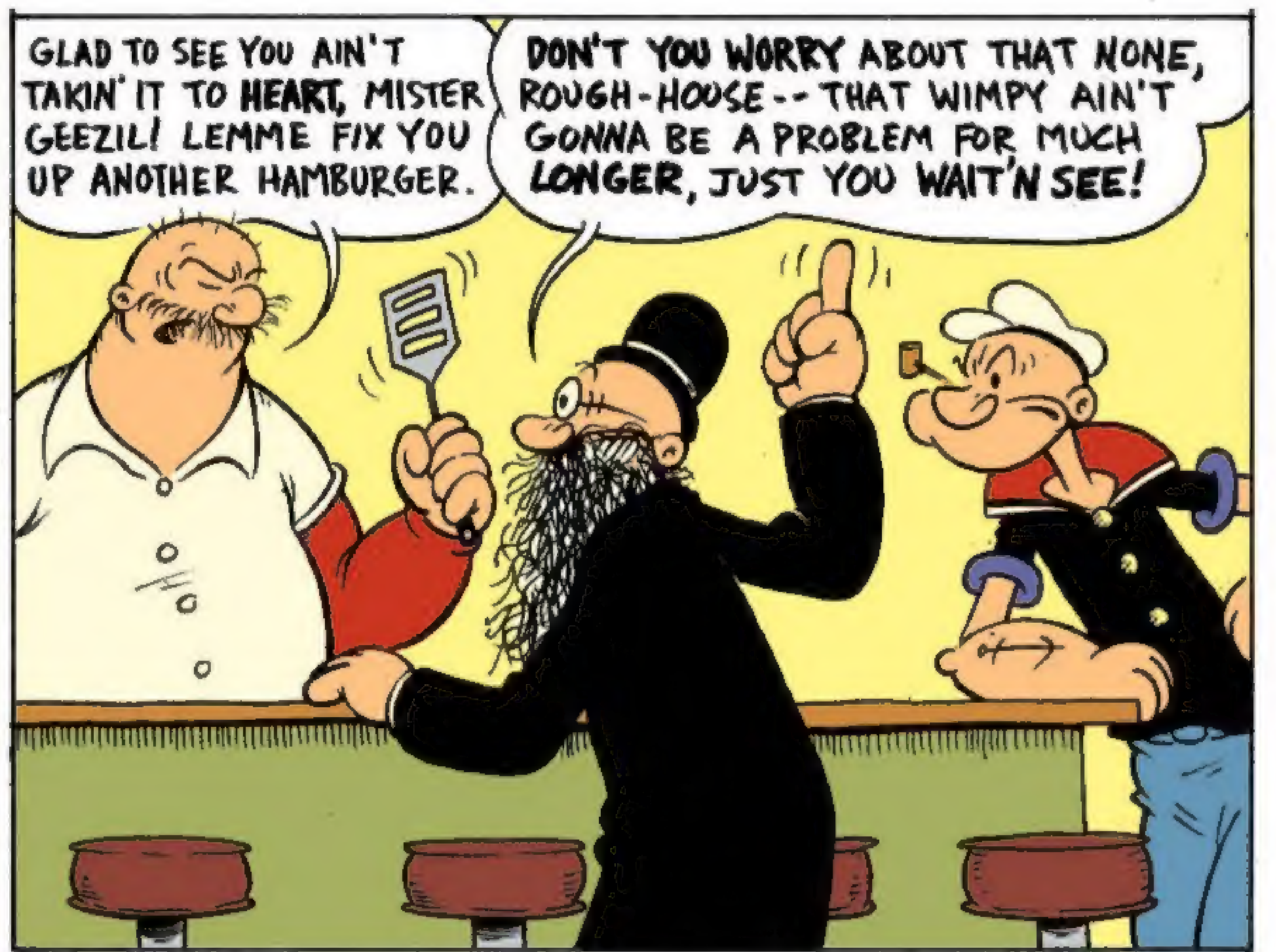
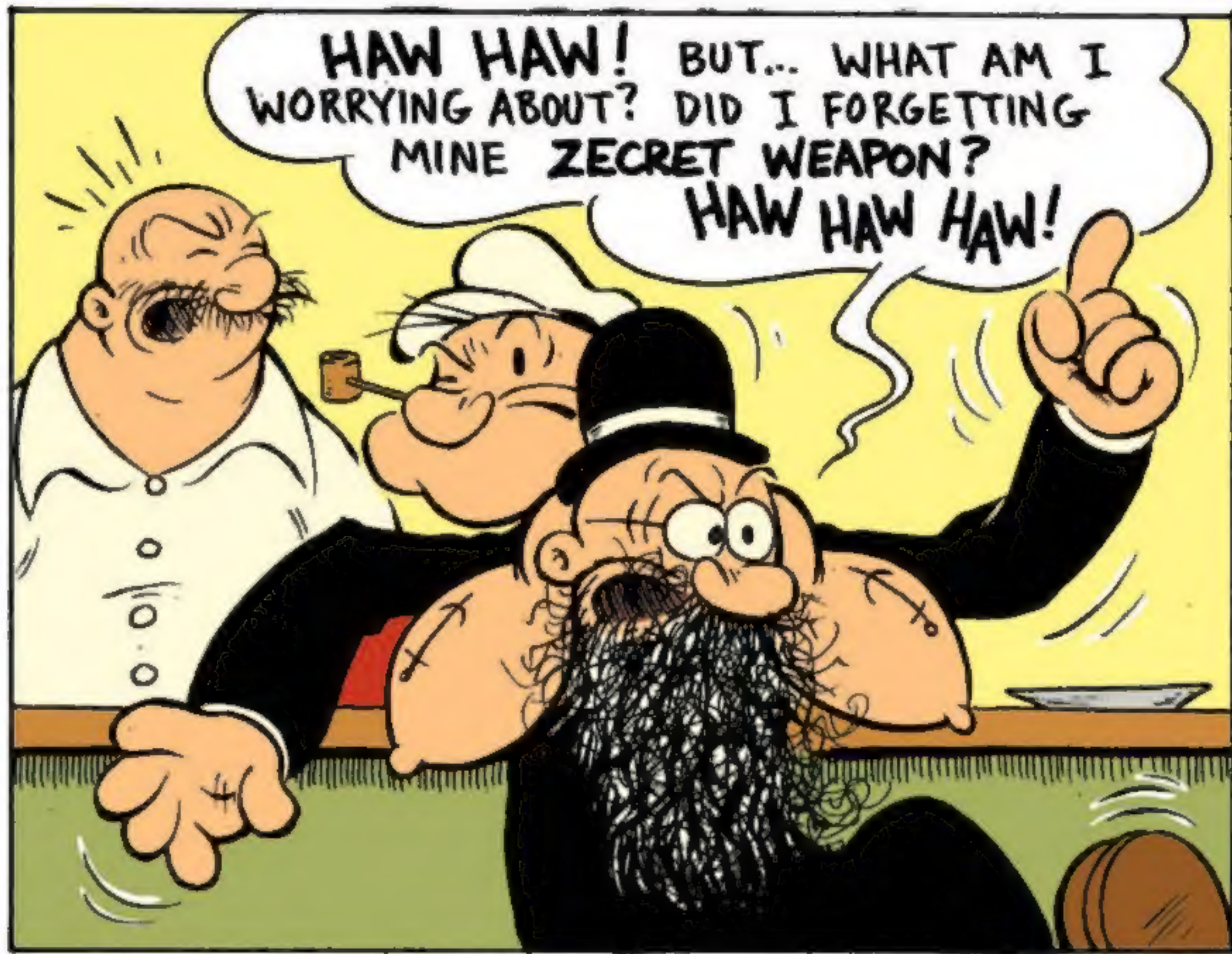
MR. GEEZIL--
I WOULD GLADLY PAY
YOU TUESDAY FOR
A HAMBURGER
TODAY...

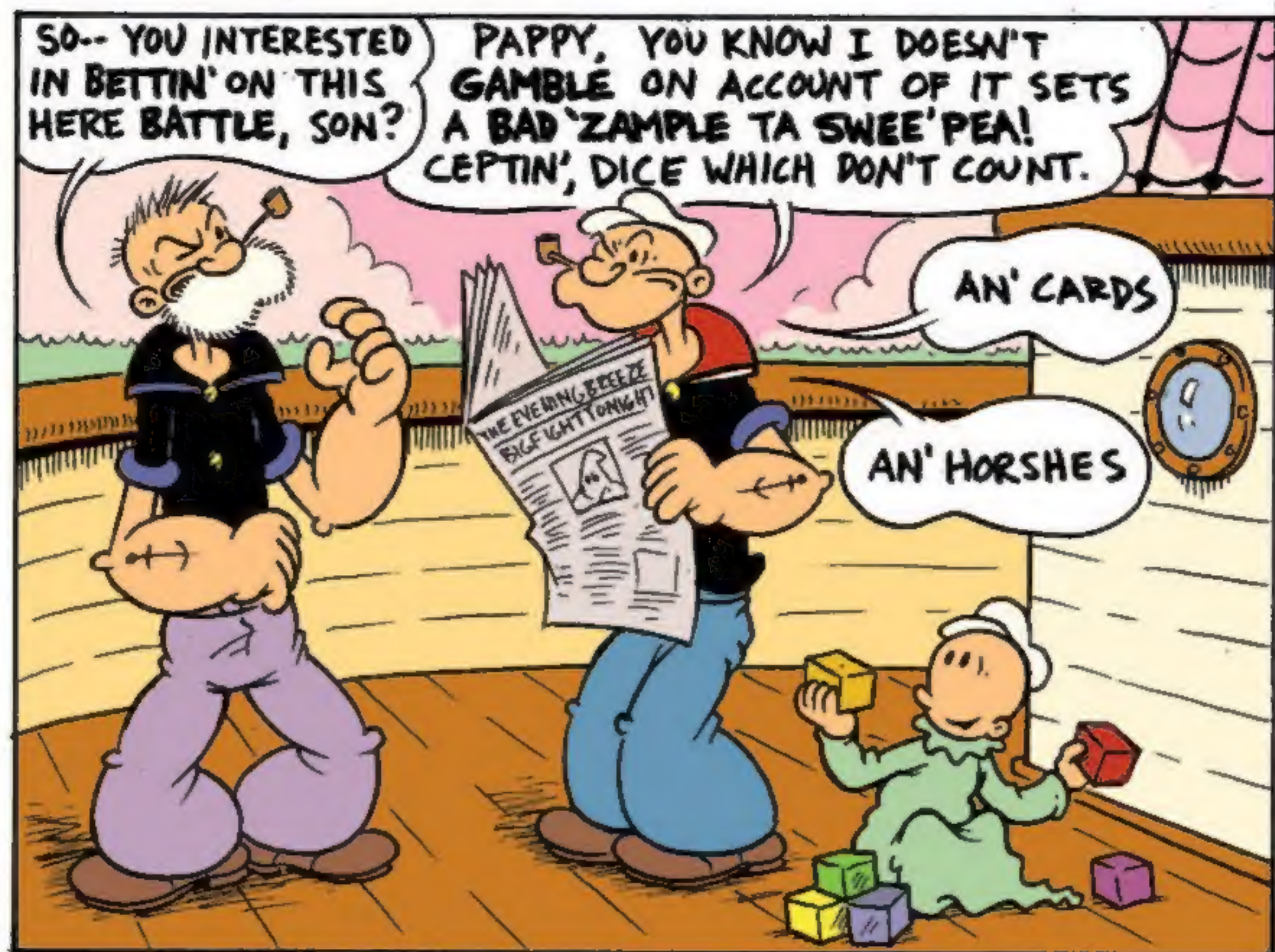
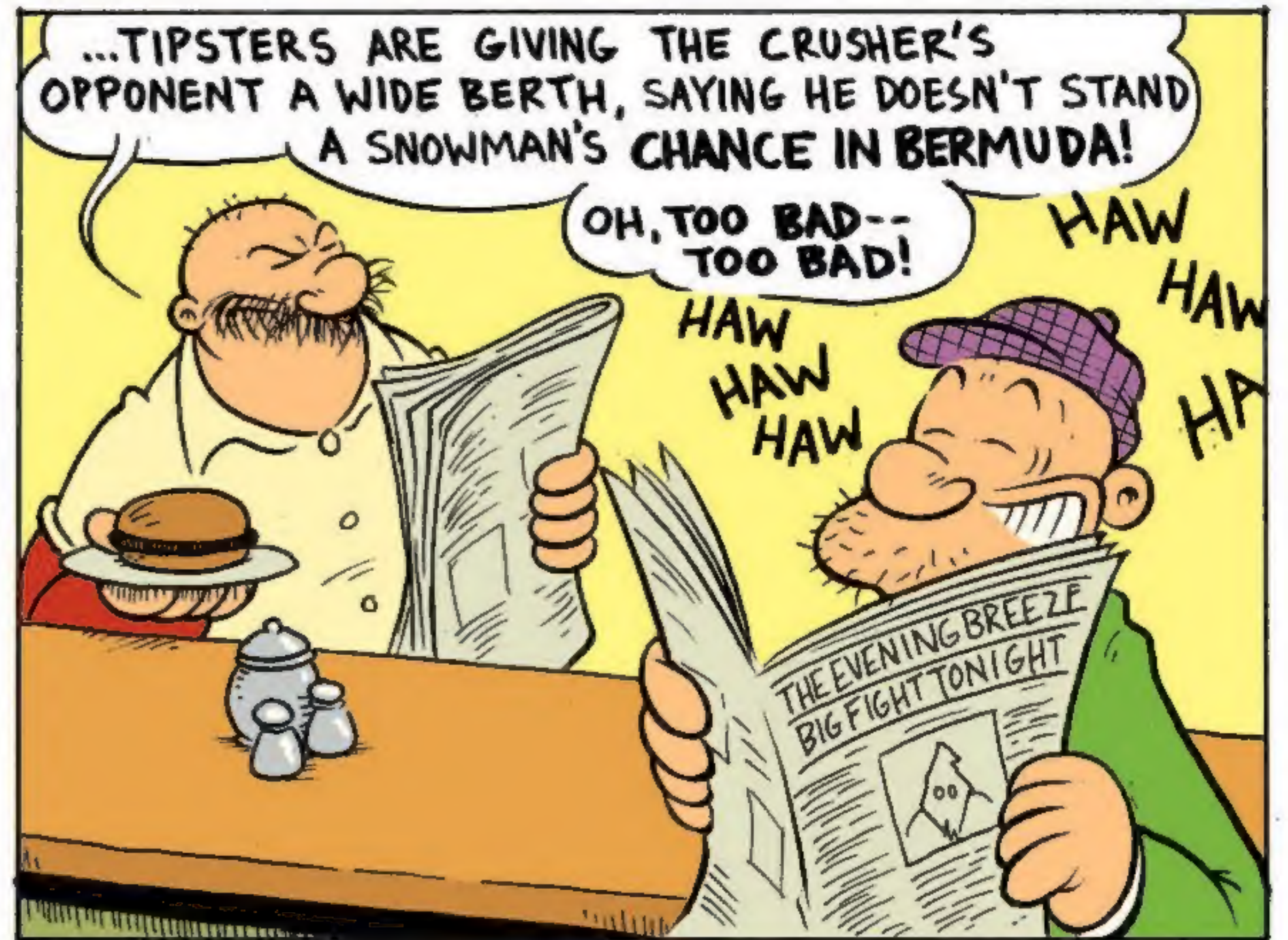
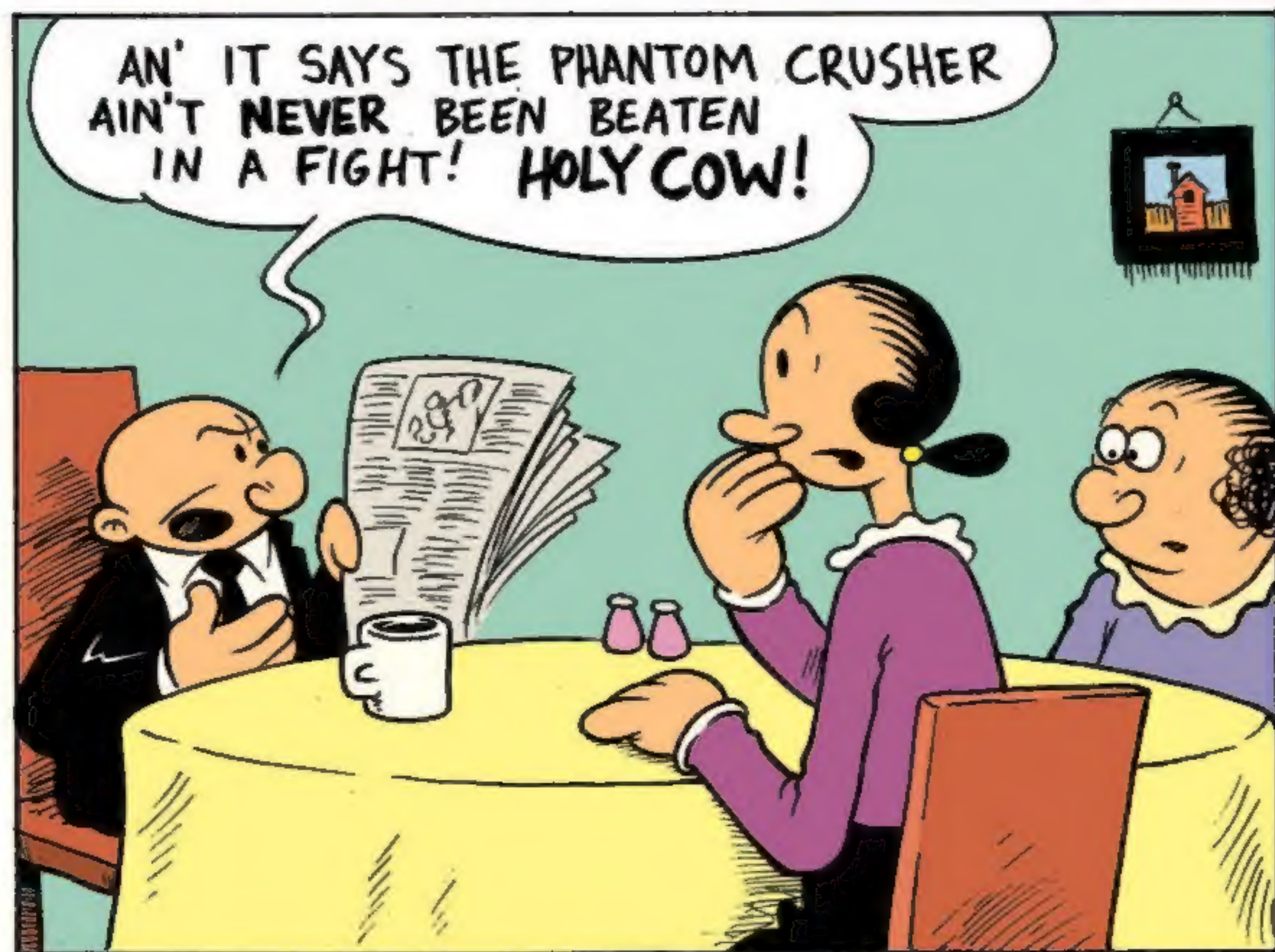
ROUGH-HOUSE CAFE

BAH! POOEY!
TO YOU FROM ME!
I SPIT IN YOUR
GRAVY!

LANGRIDGE
& NEELY!







THE EVENING BREEZE

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

25¢

BIG FIGHT TONIGHT

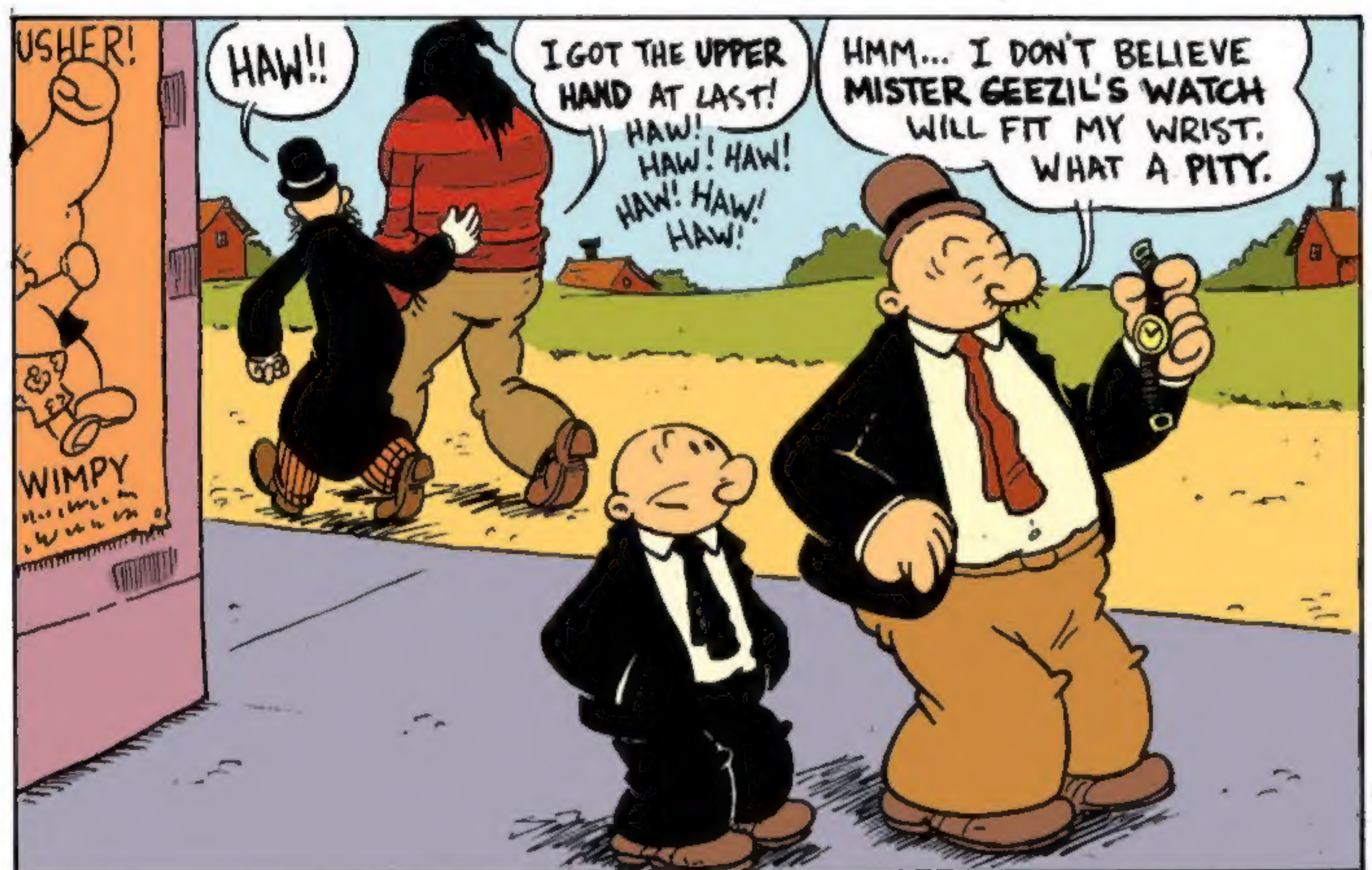
PHANTOM CRUSHER'S MANAGER SAYS OPPONENT WILL BE KILLED TO DEATH

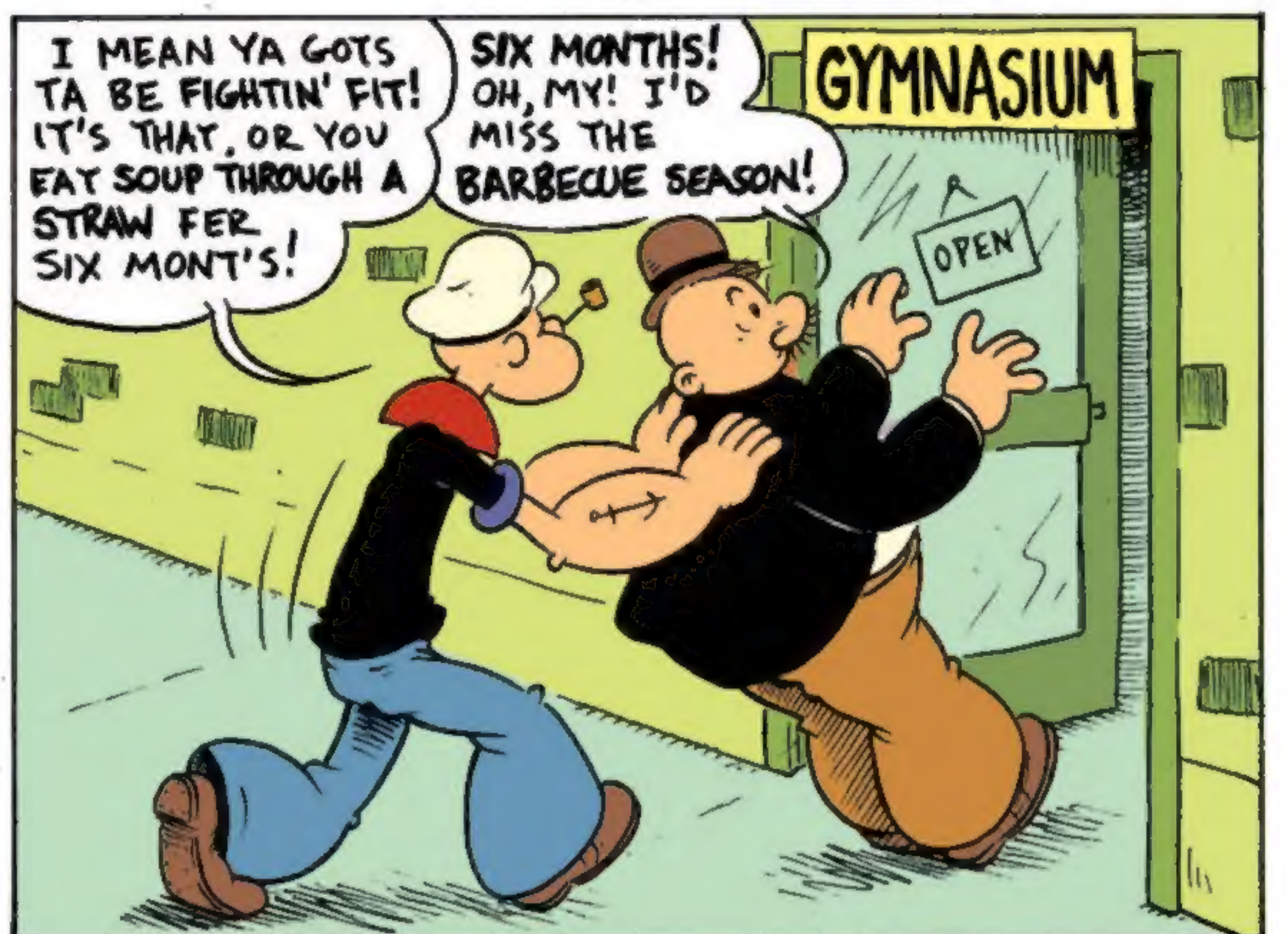
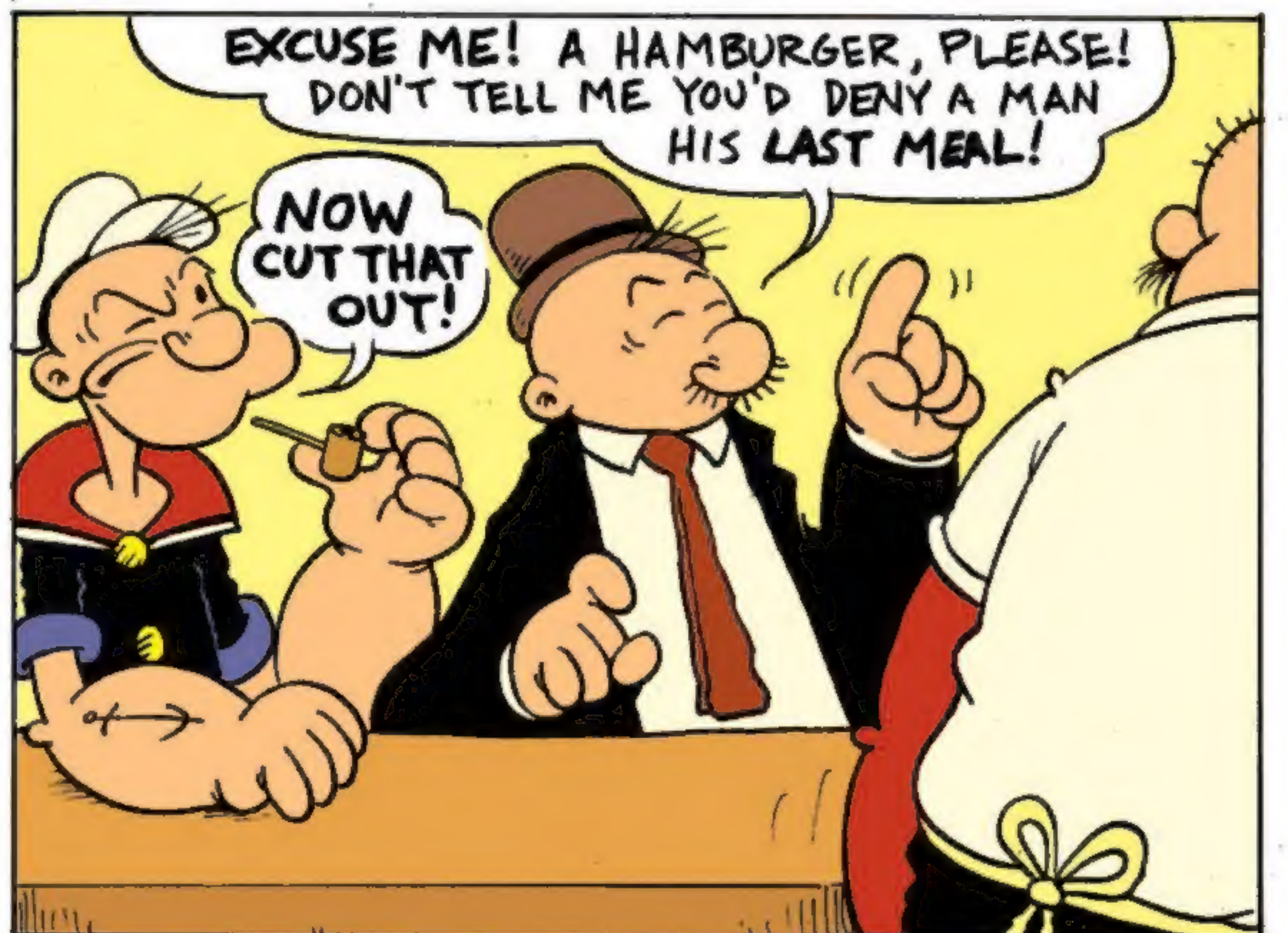
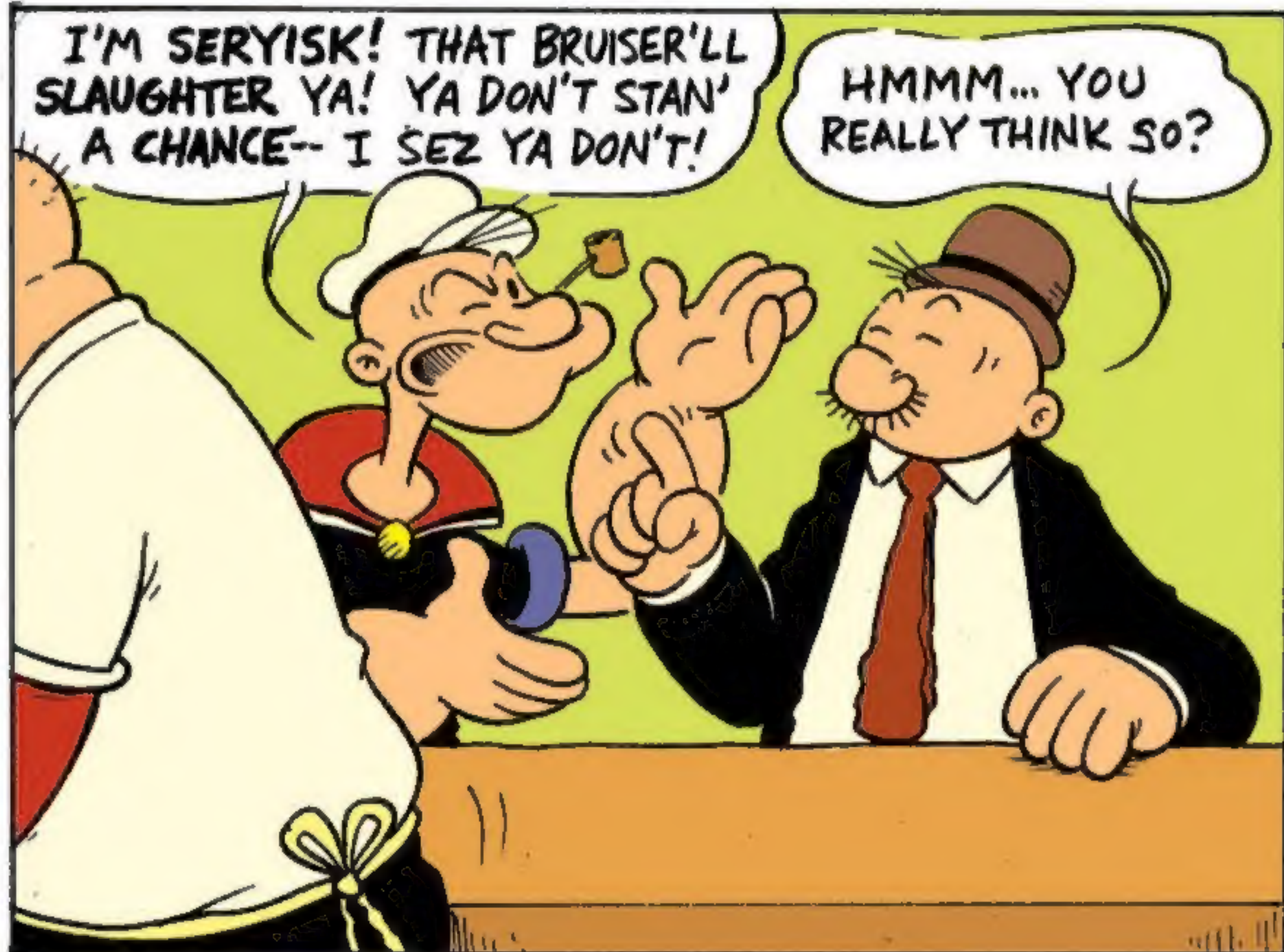
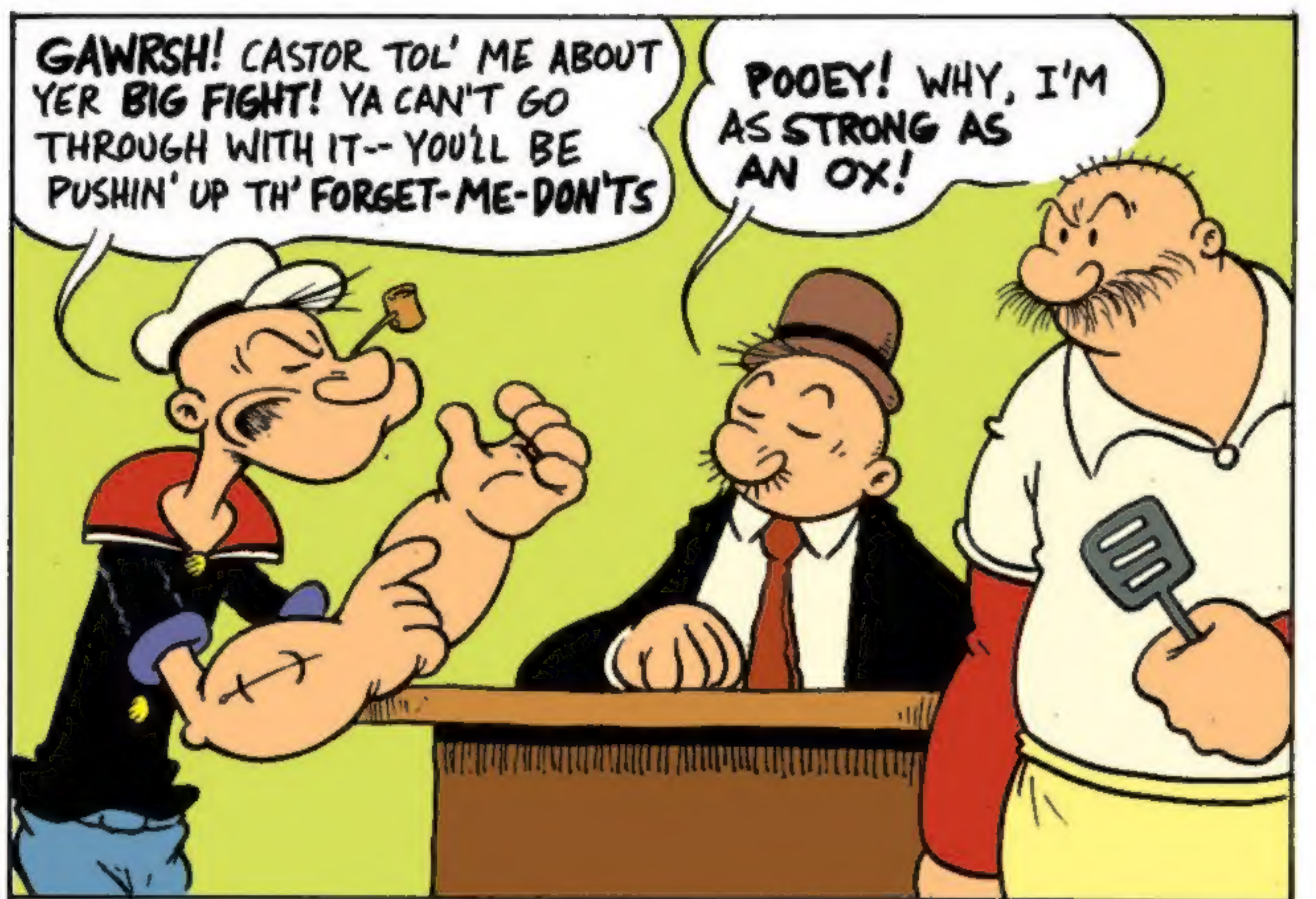
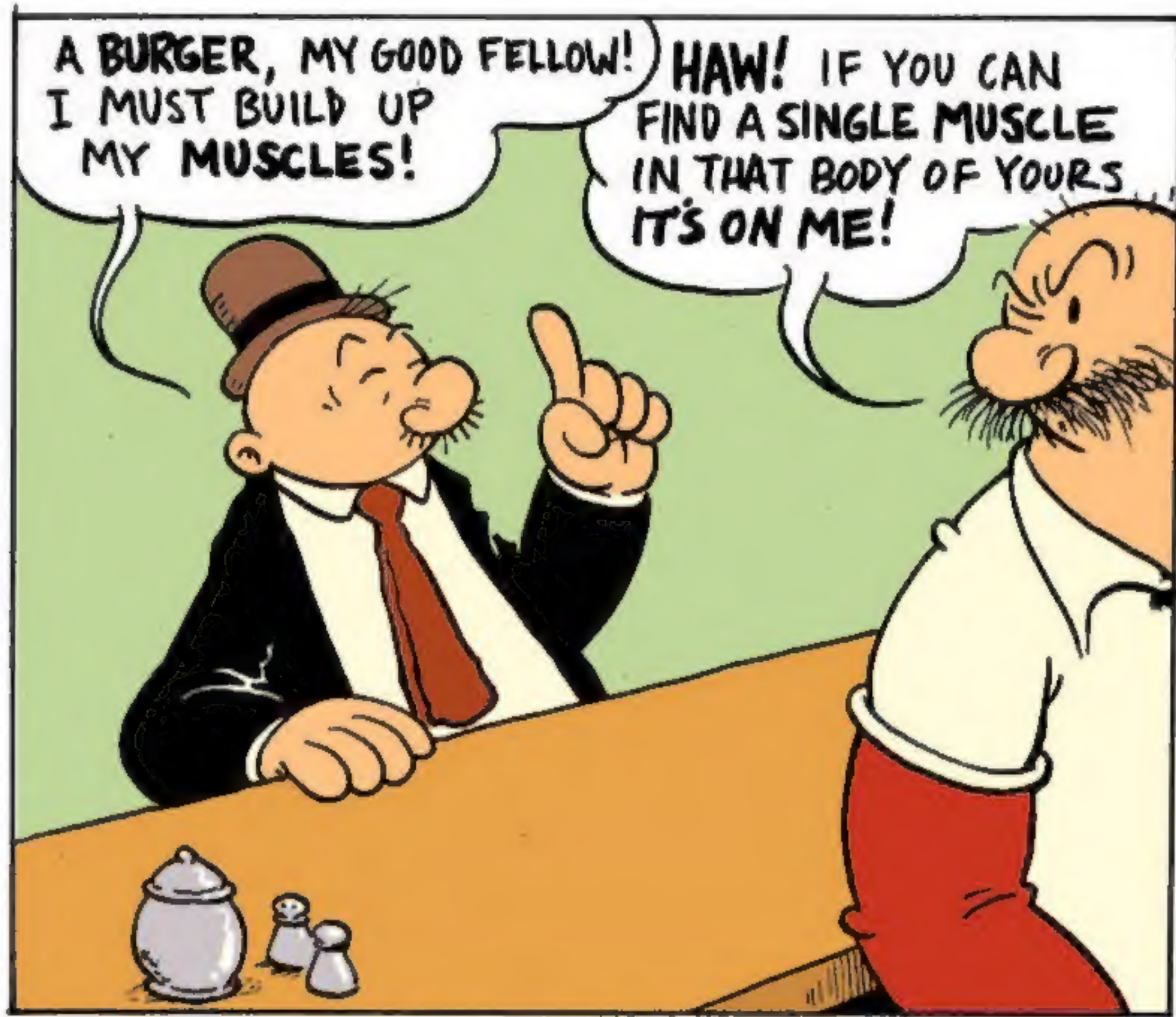
The fight will take place in three weeks' time, according to the Crusher's representatives. Speculation is rife as to the Crusher's true identity. Speculation is also rife about how long his opponent will have to live after the fight is over, many seeing the outcome as a fore-

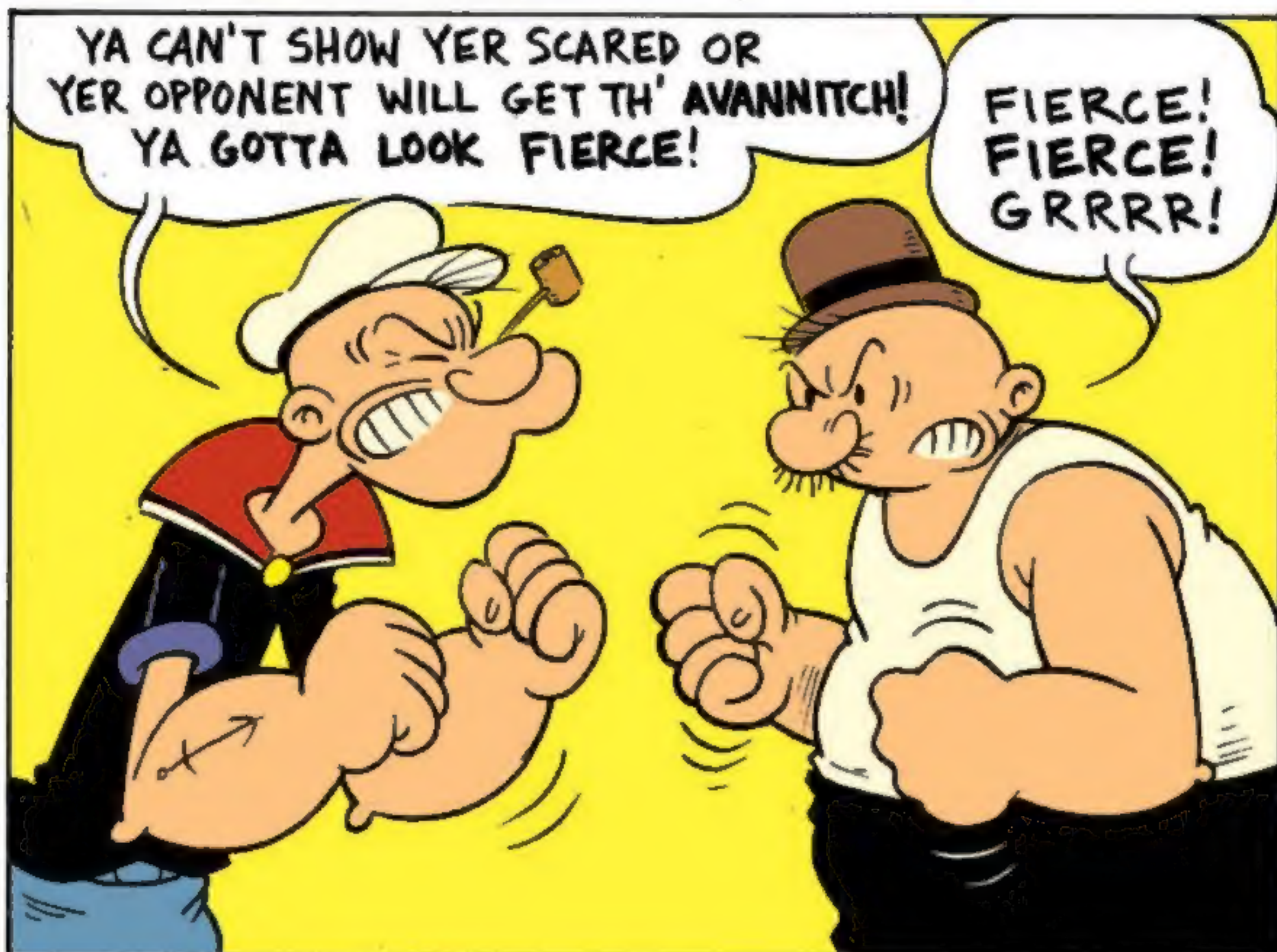


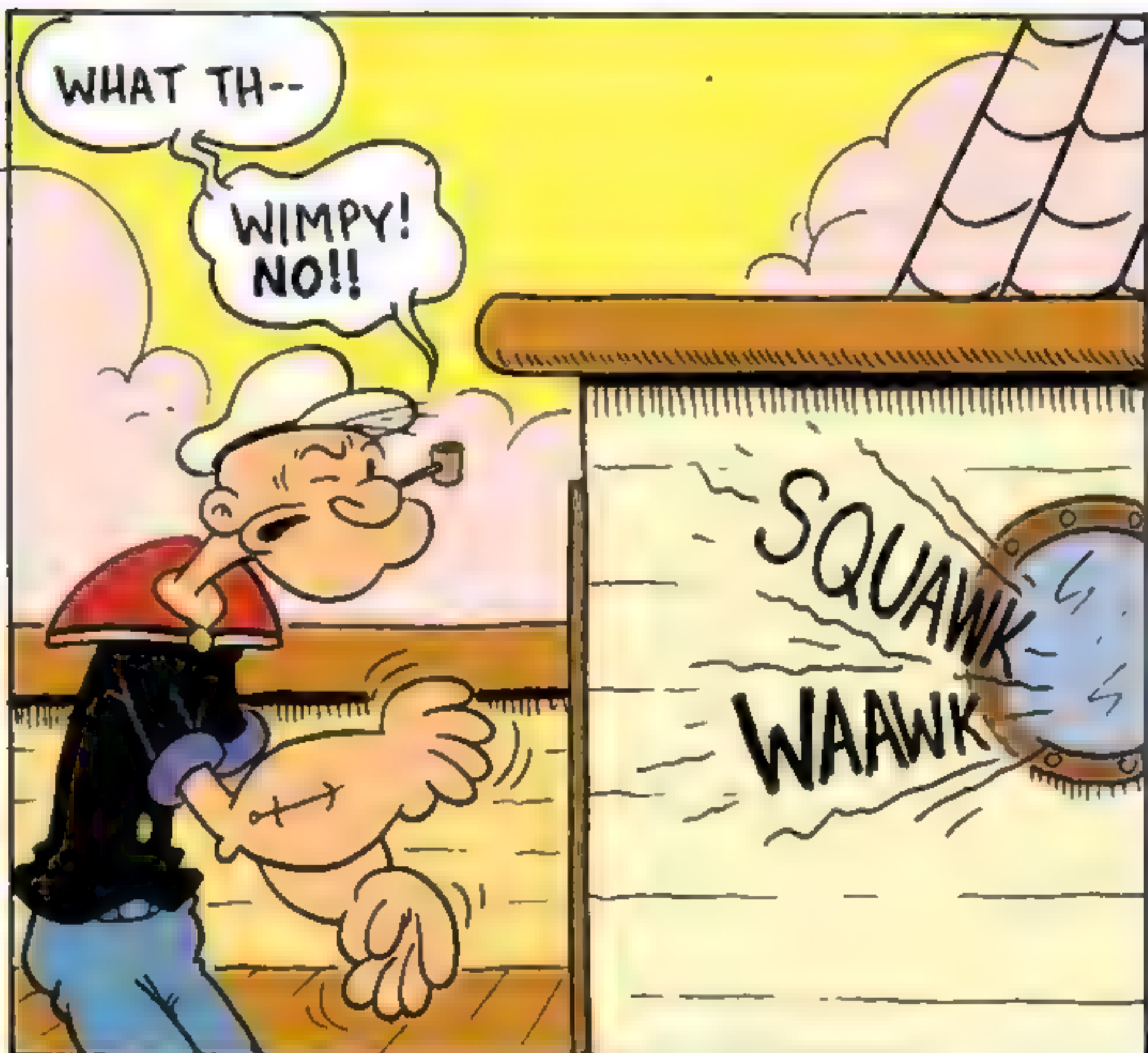
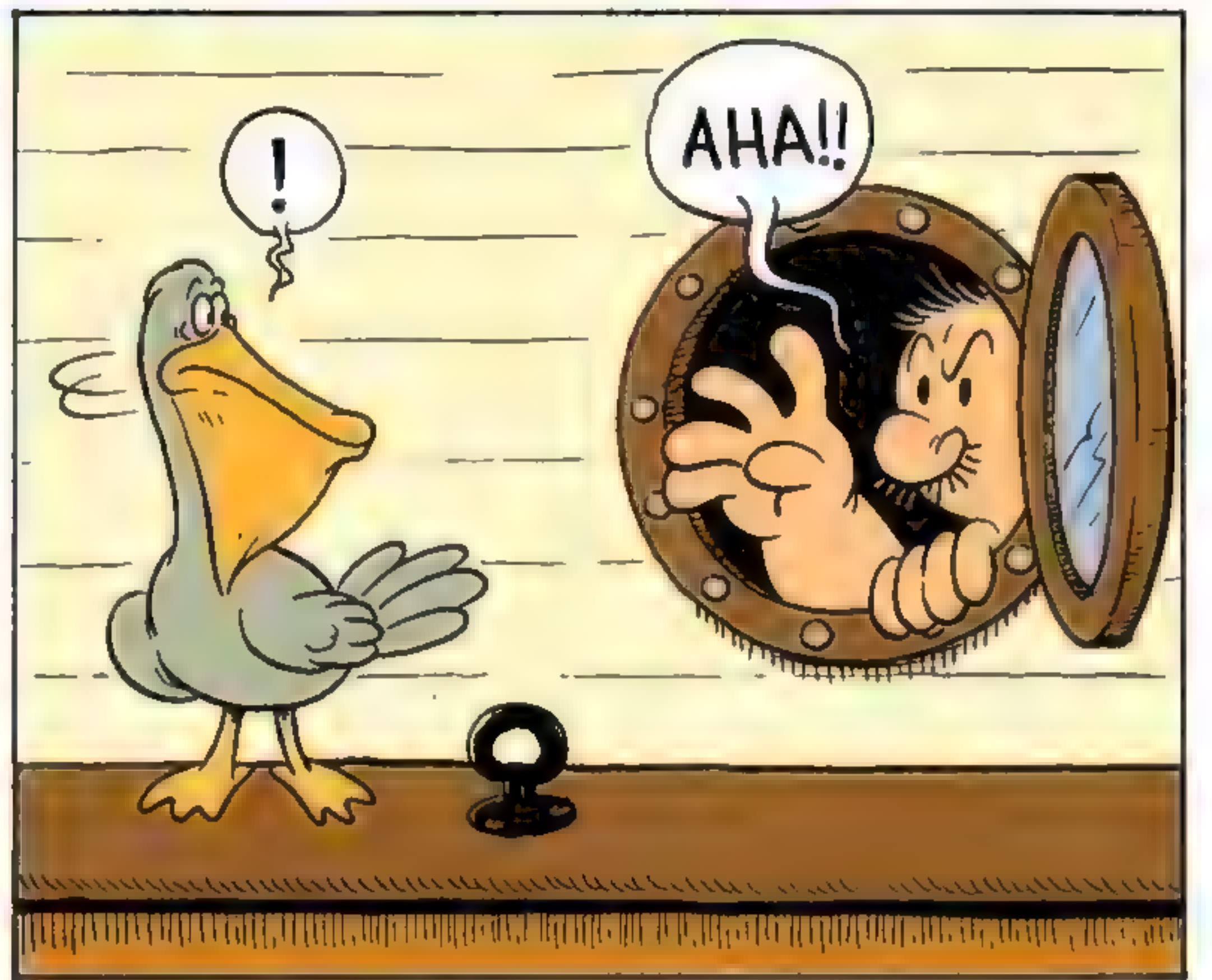
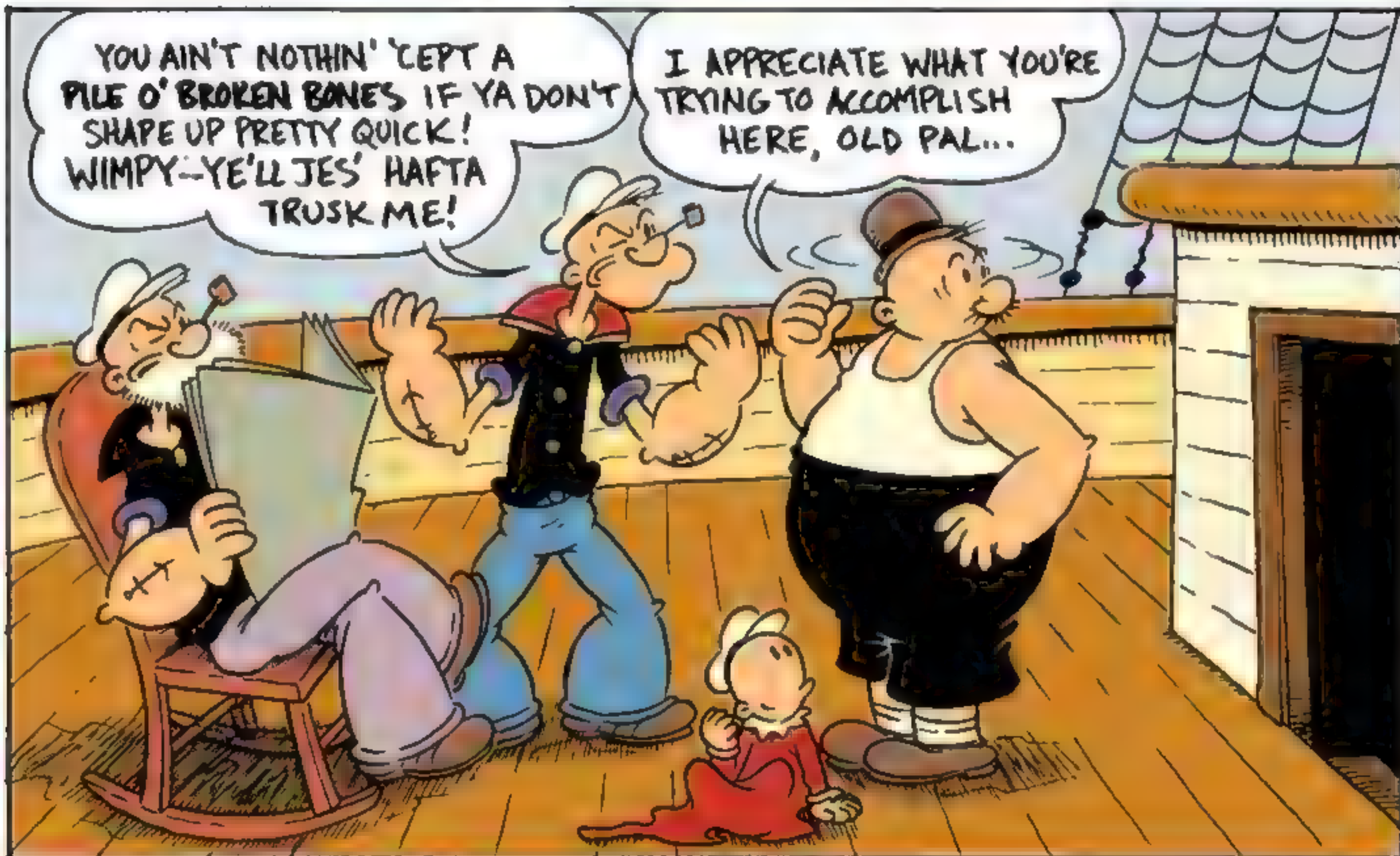
-gone conclusion. Local undertakers are currently measuring coffin sizes in anticipation of the day after. It is unknown if his opponent currently has representation (or indeed, adequate medical insurance.) It is unknown

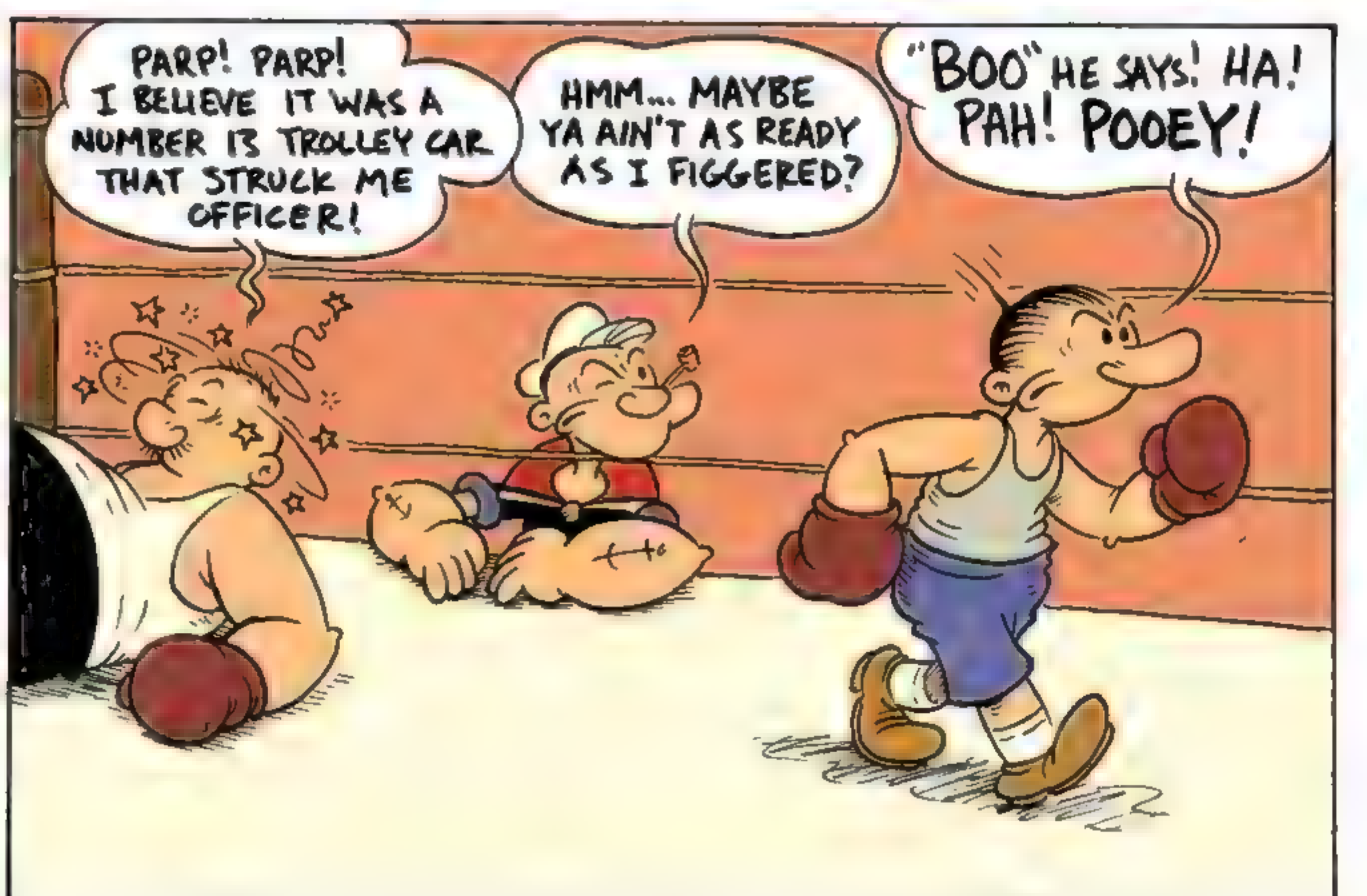
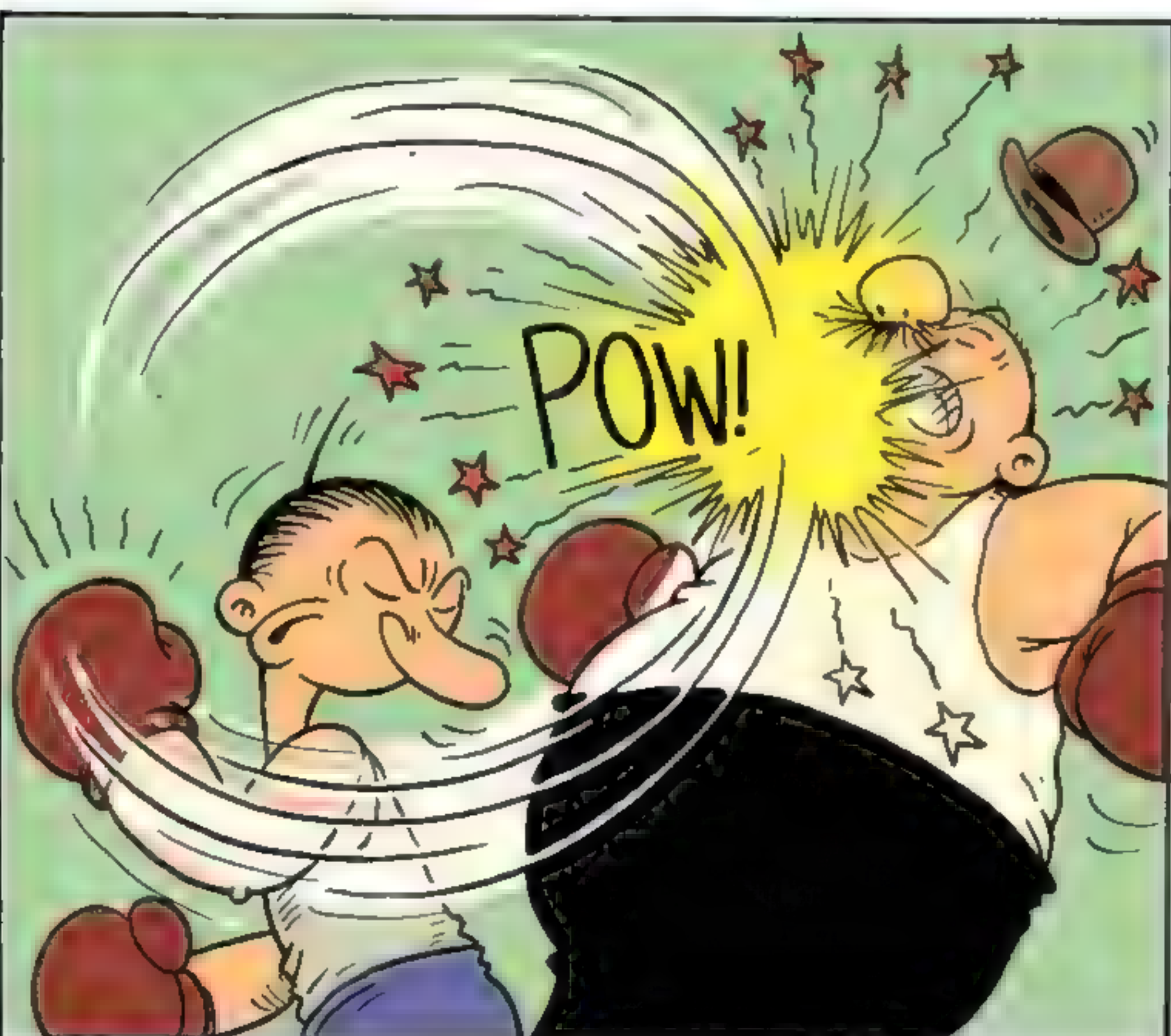
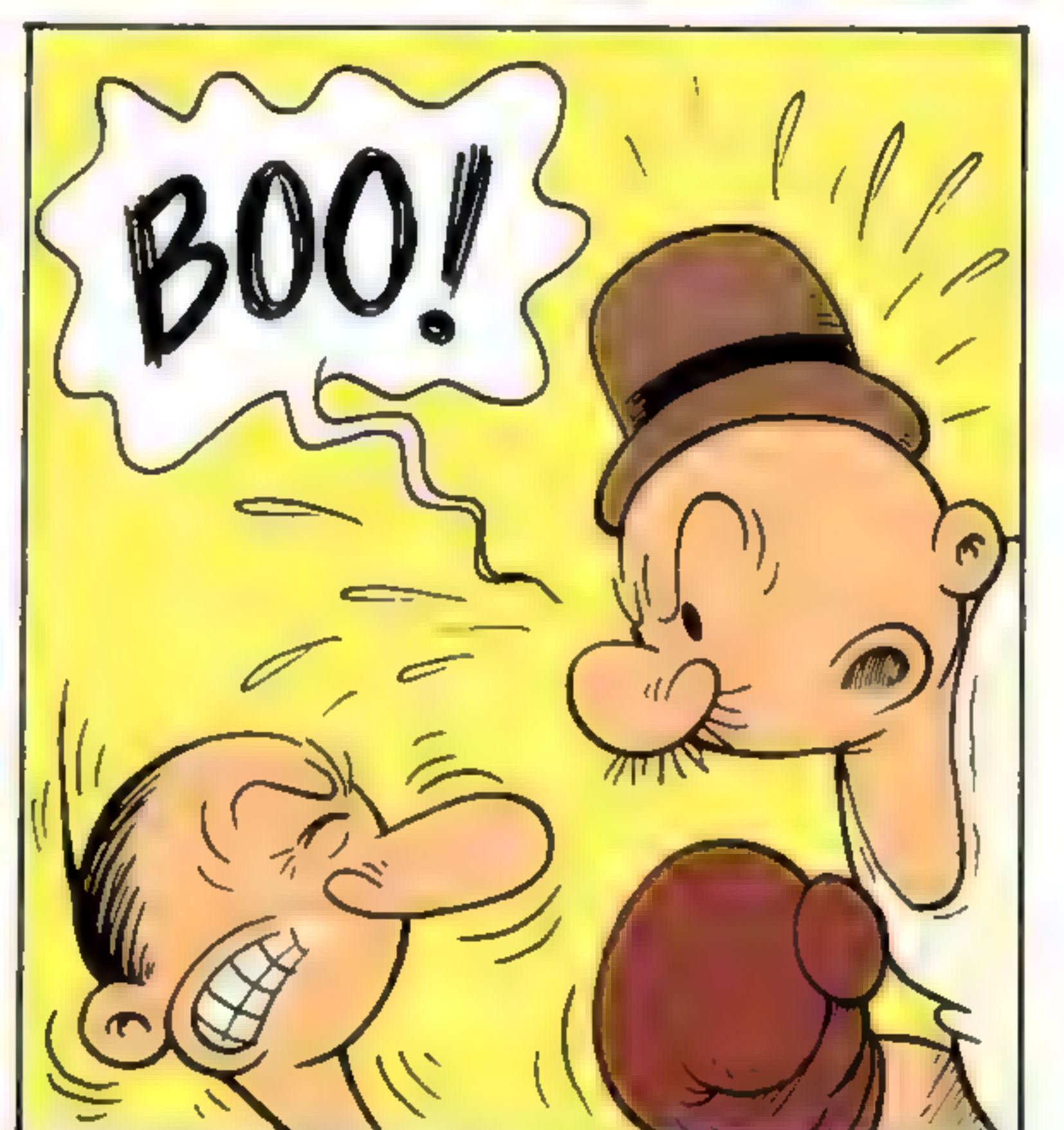
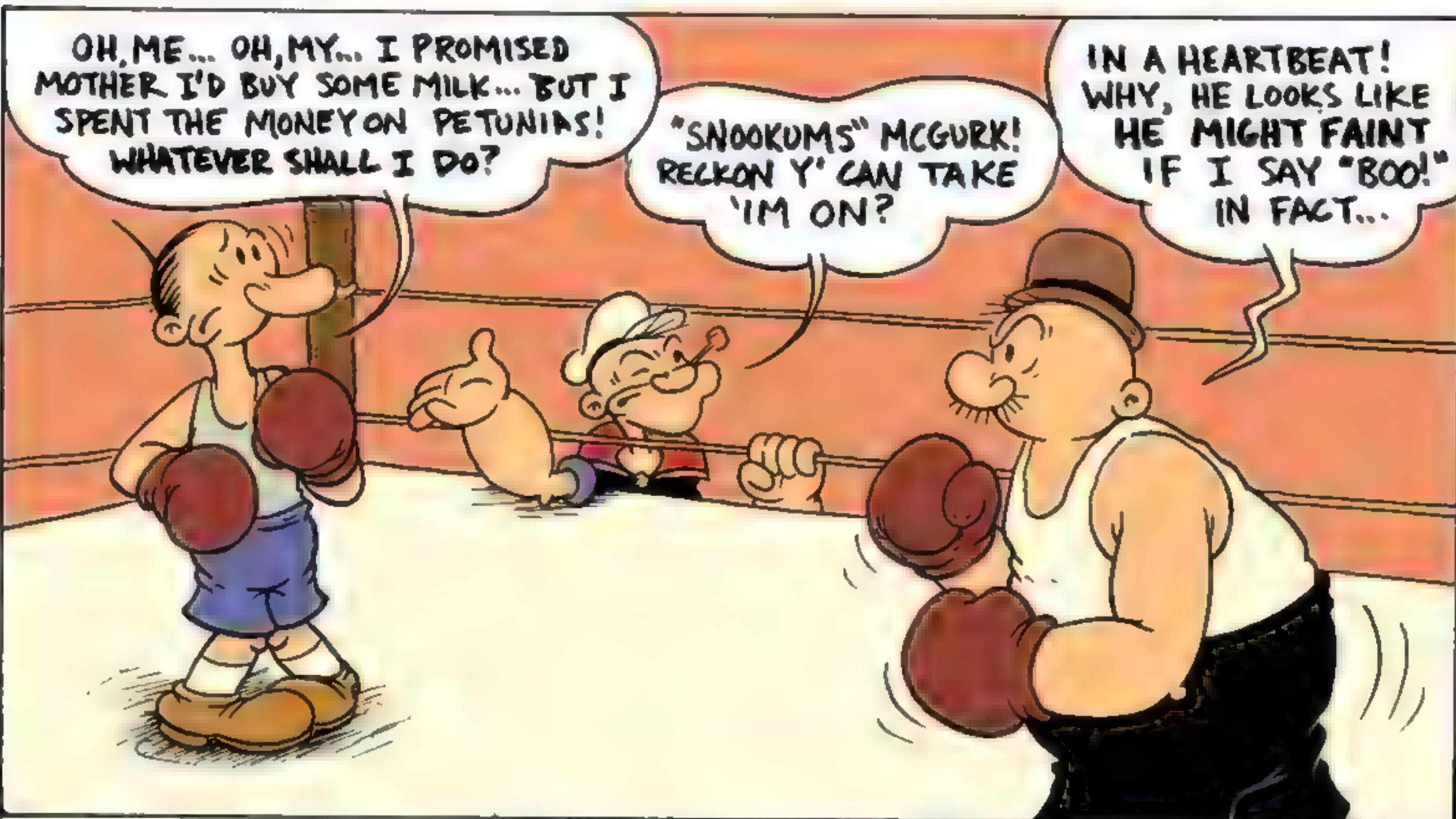
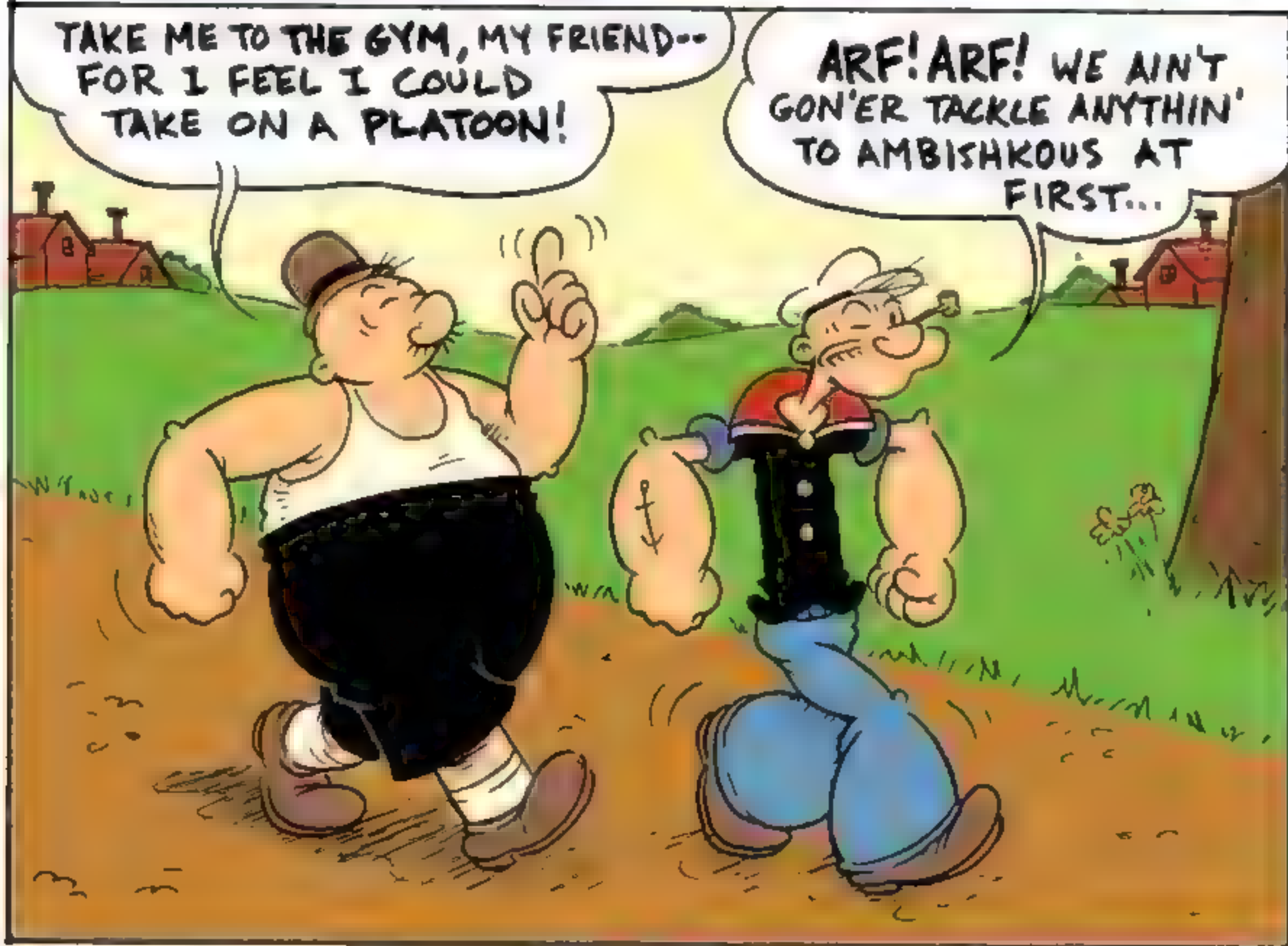
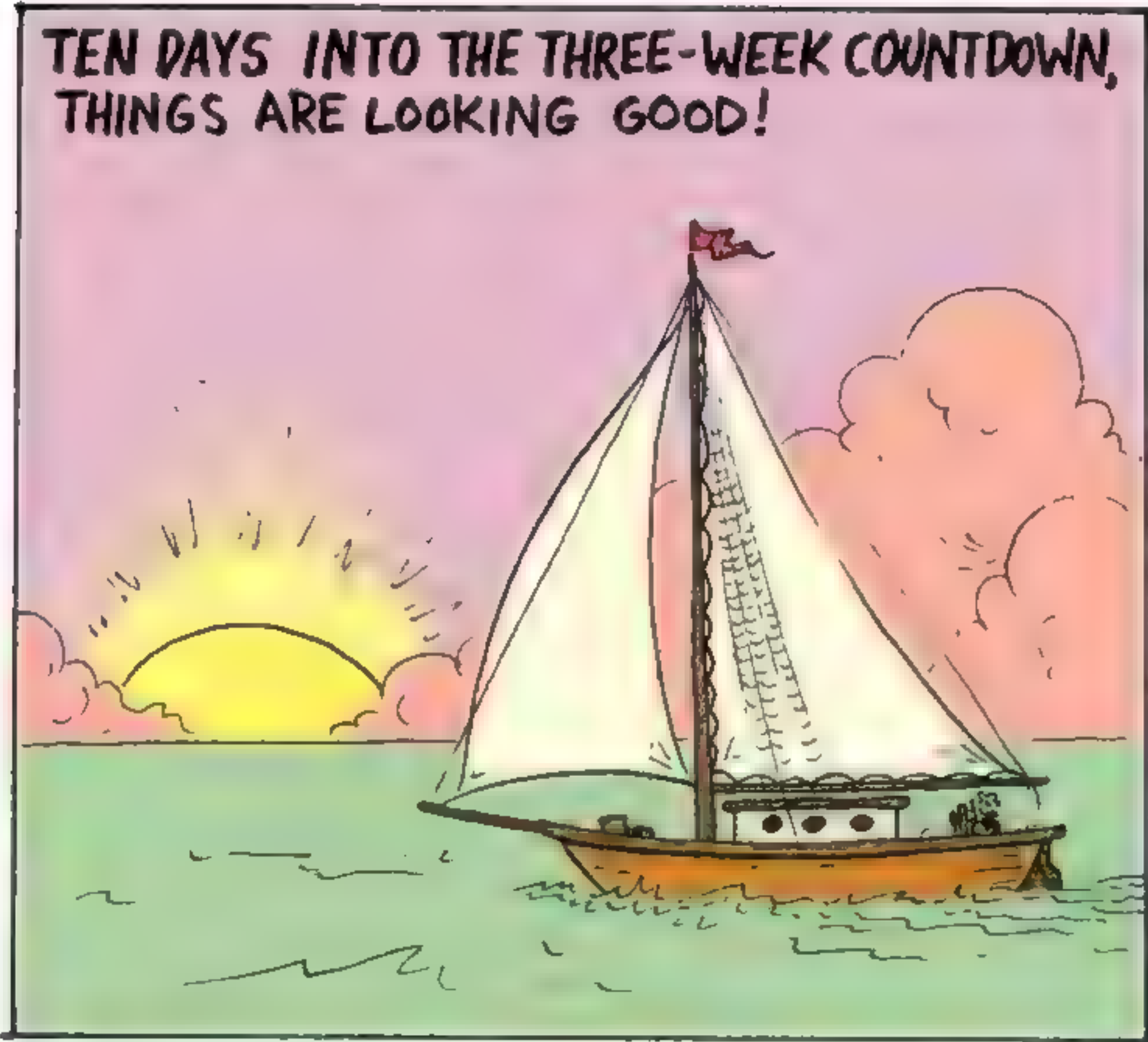


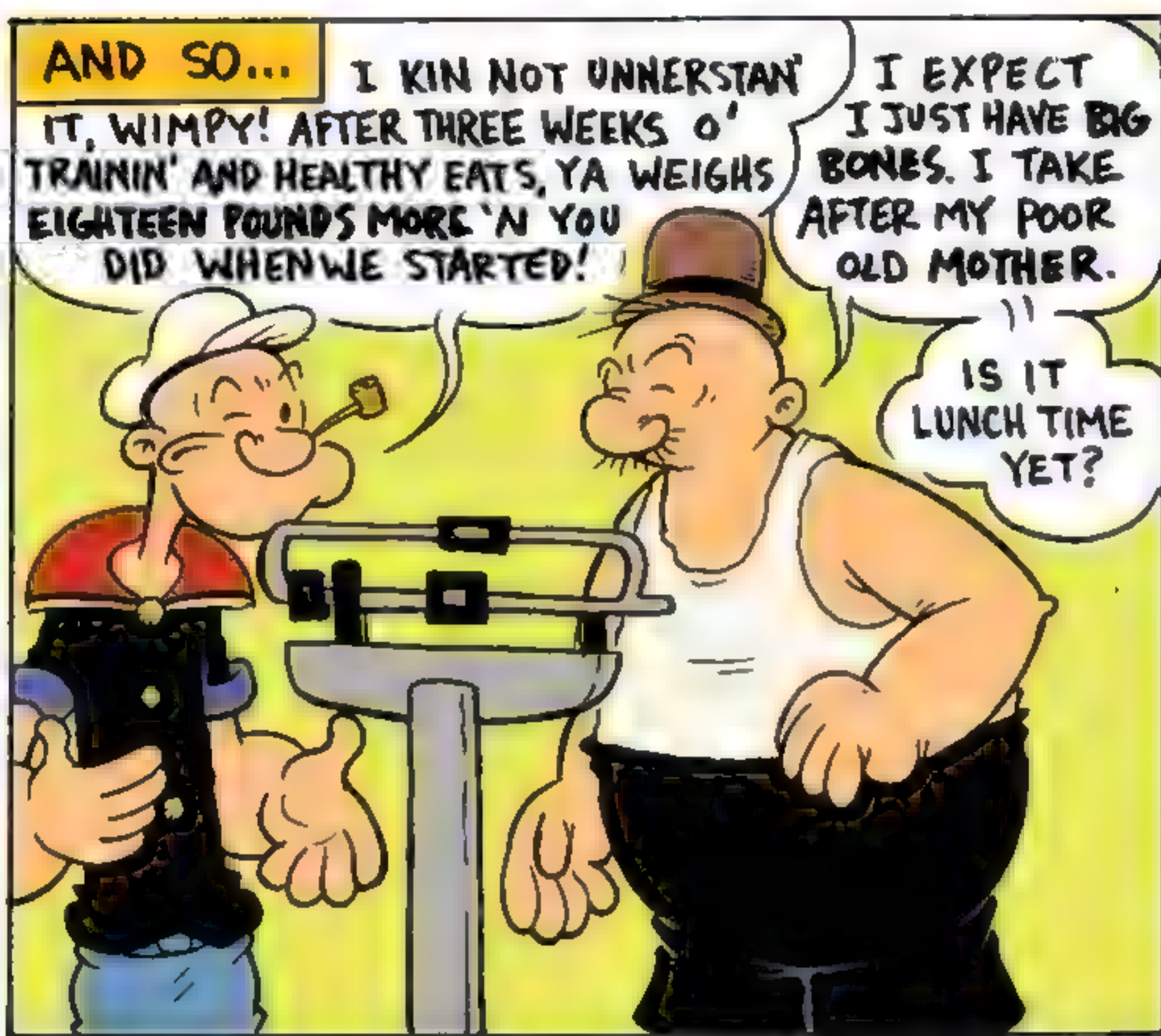
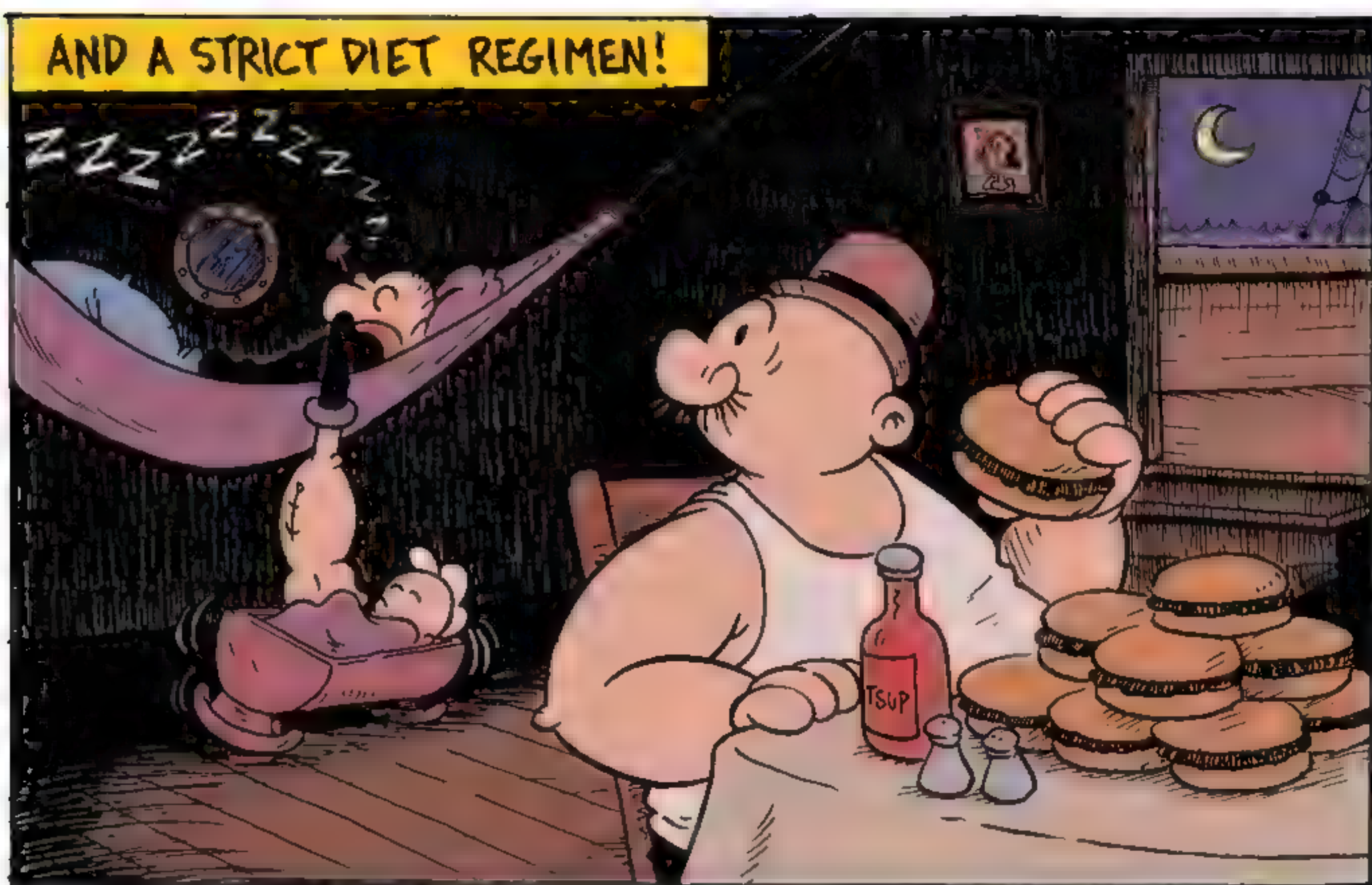
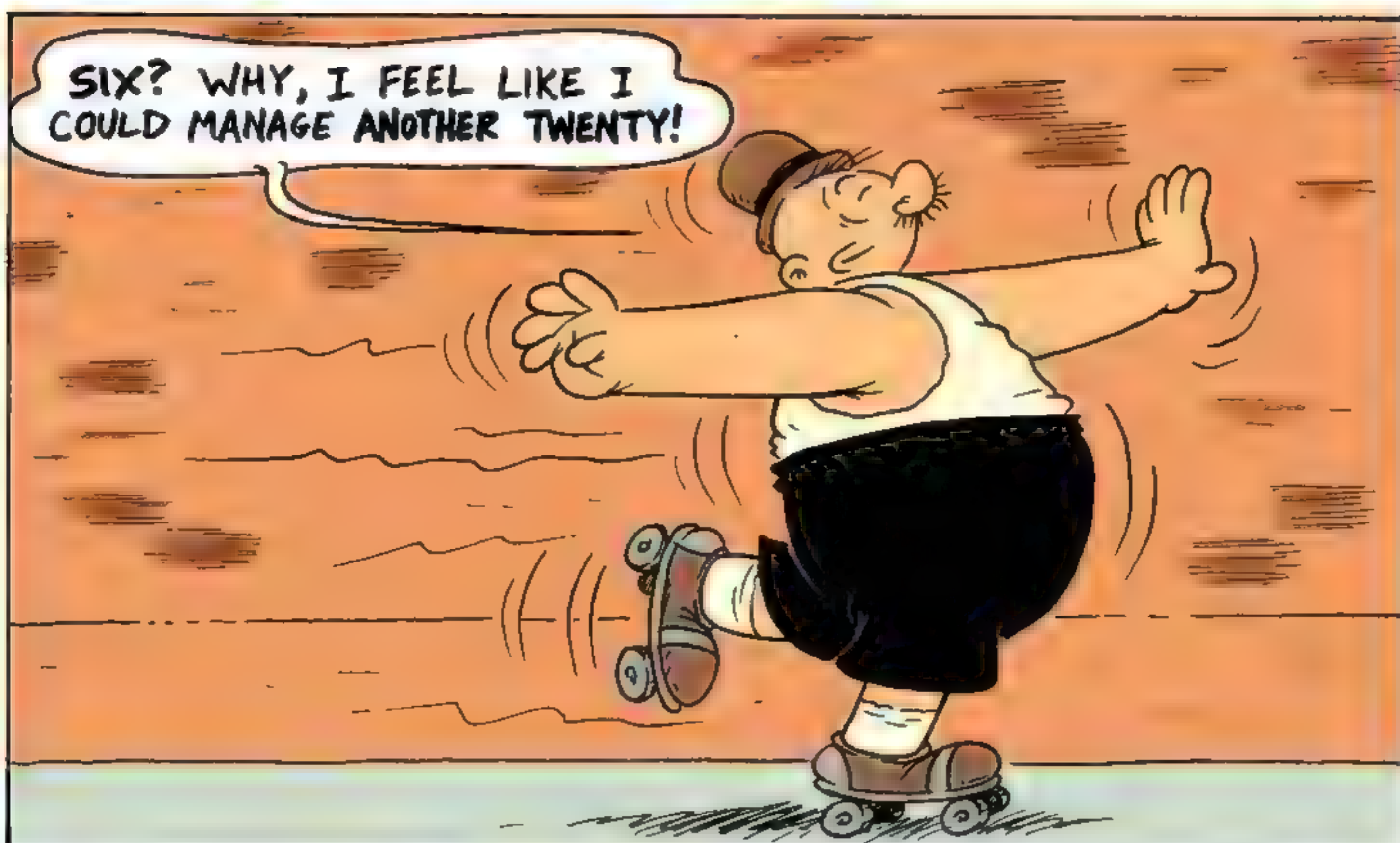
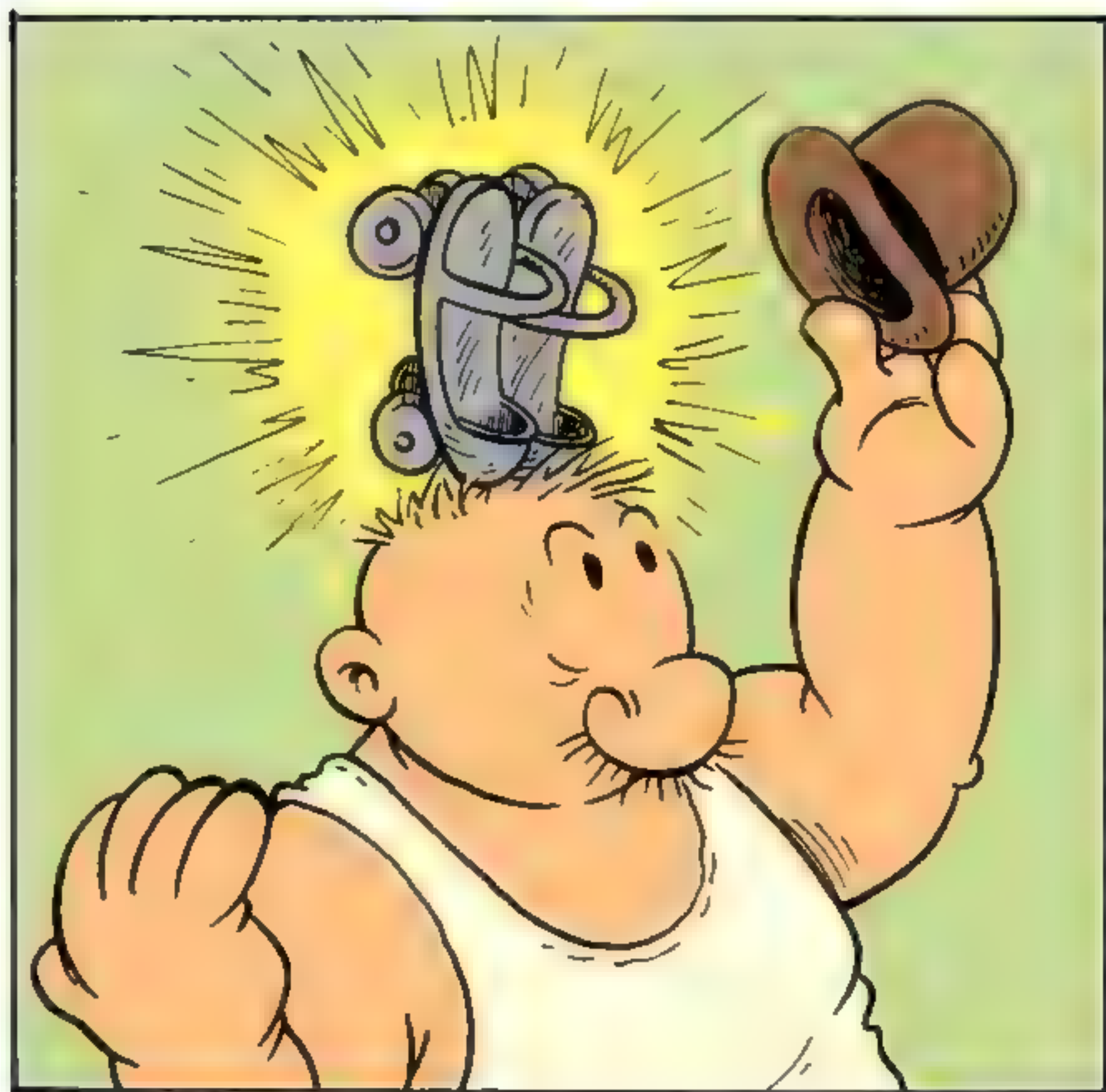
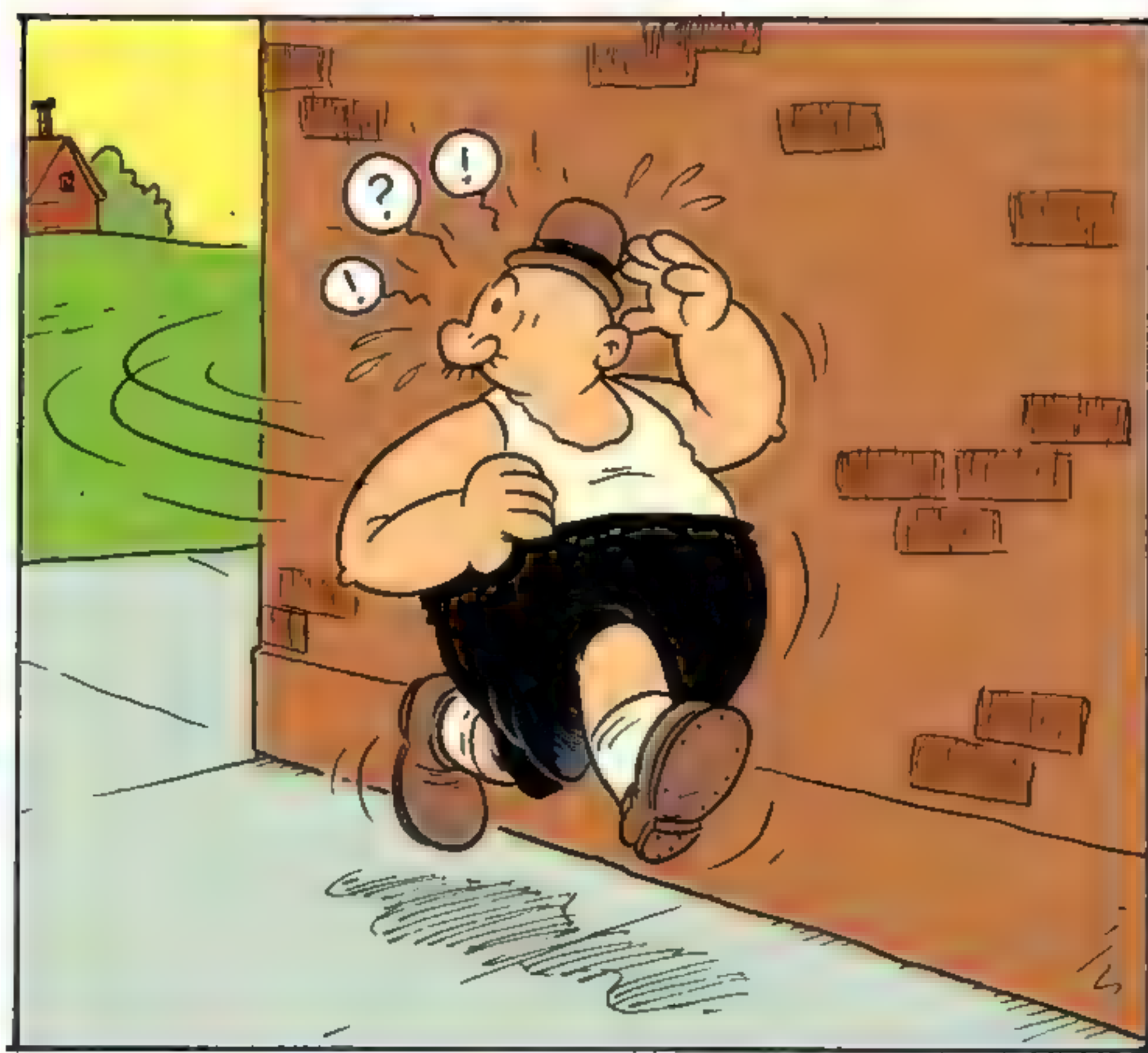
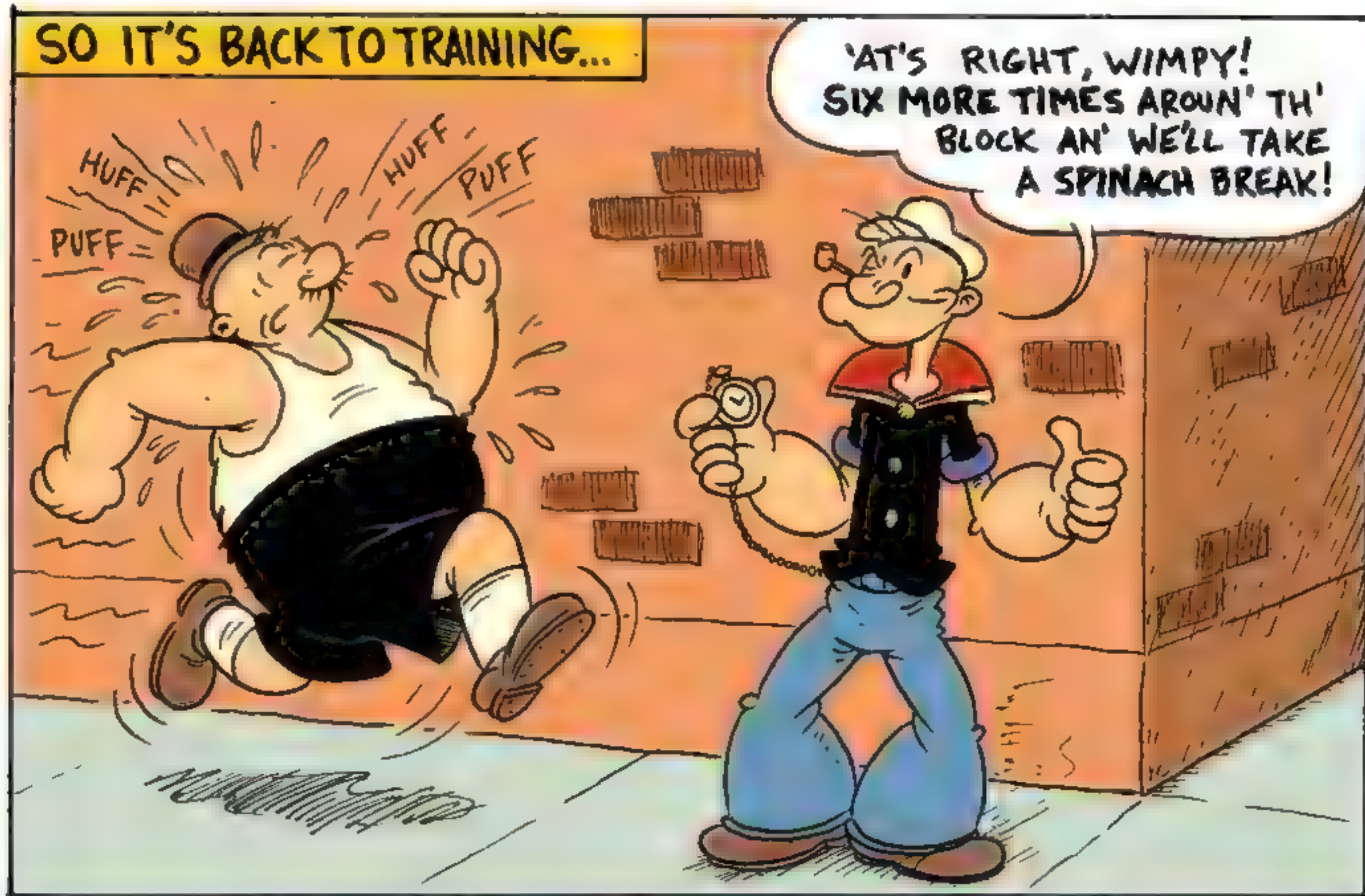


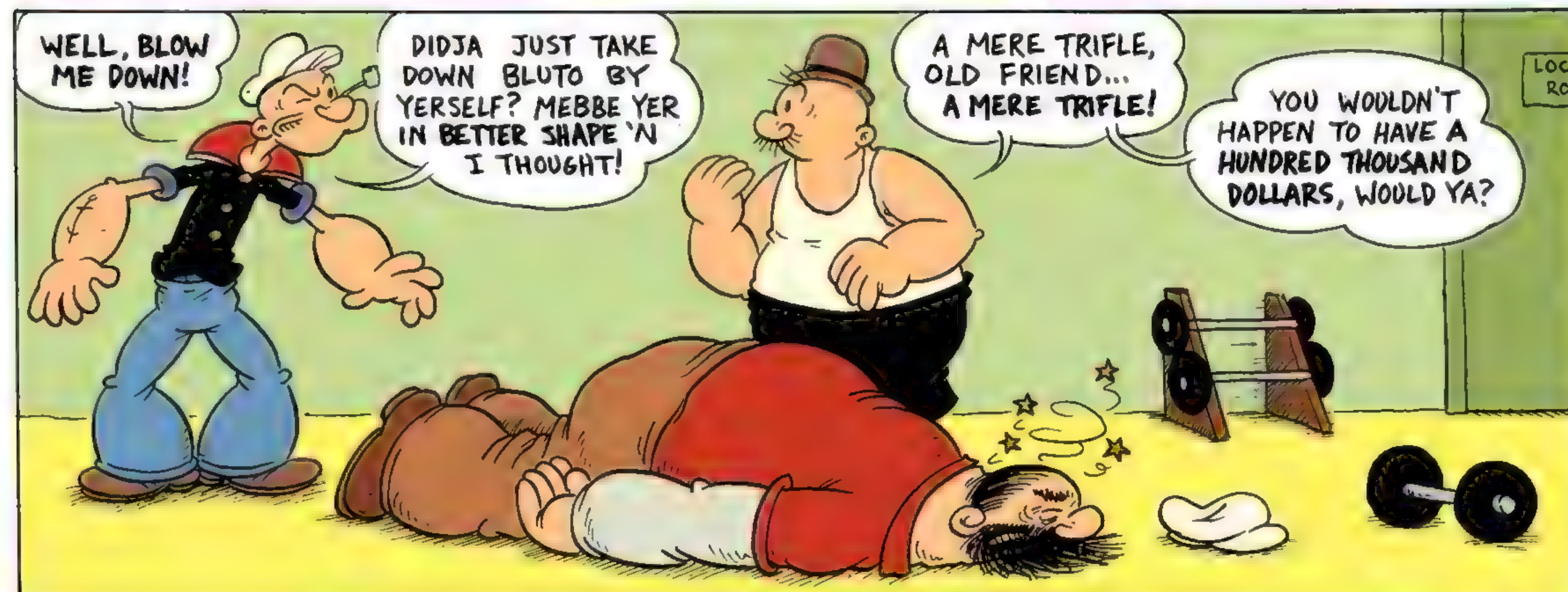
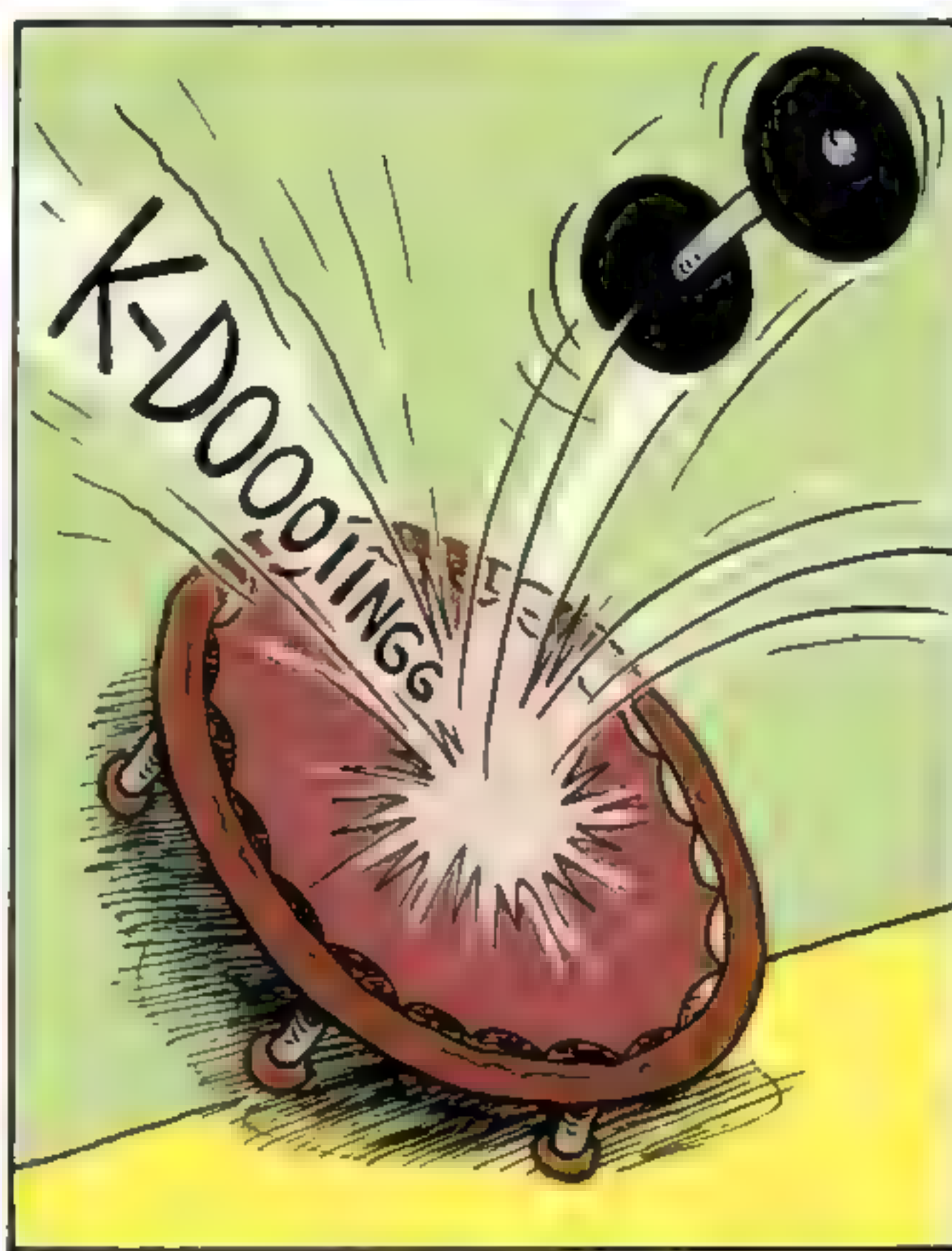
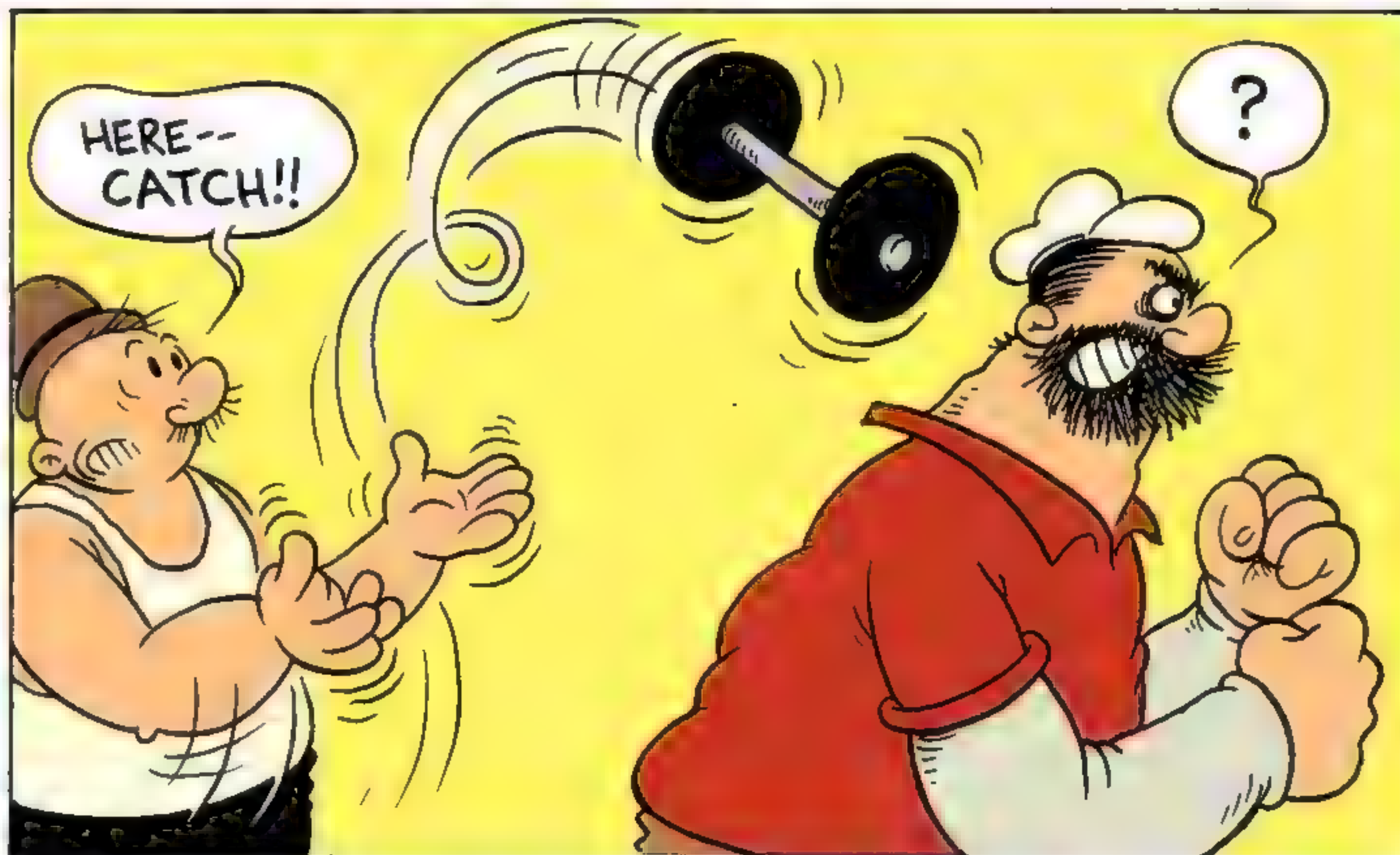


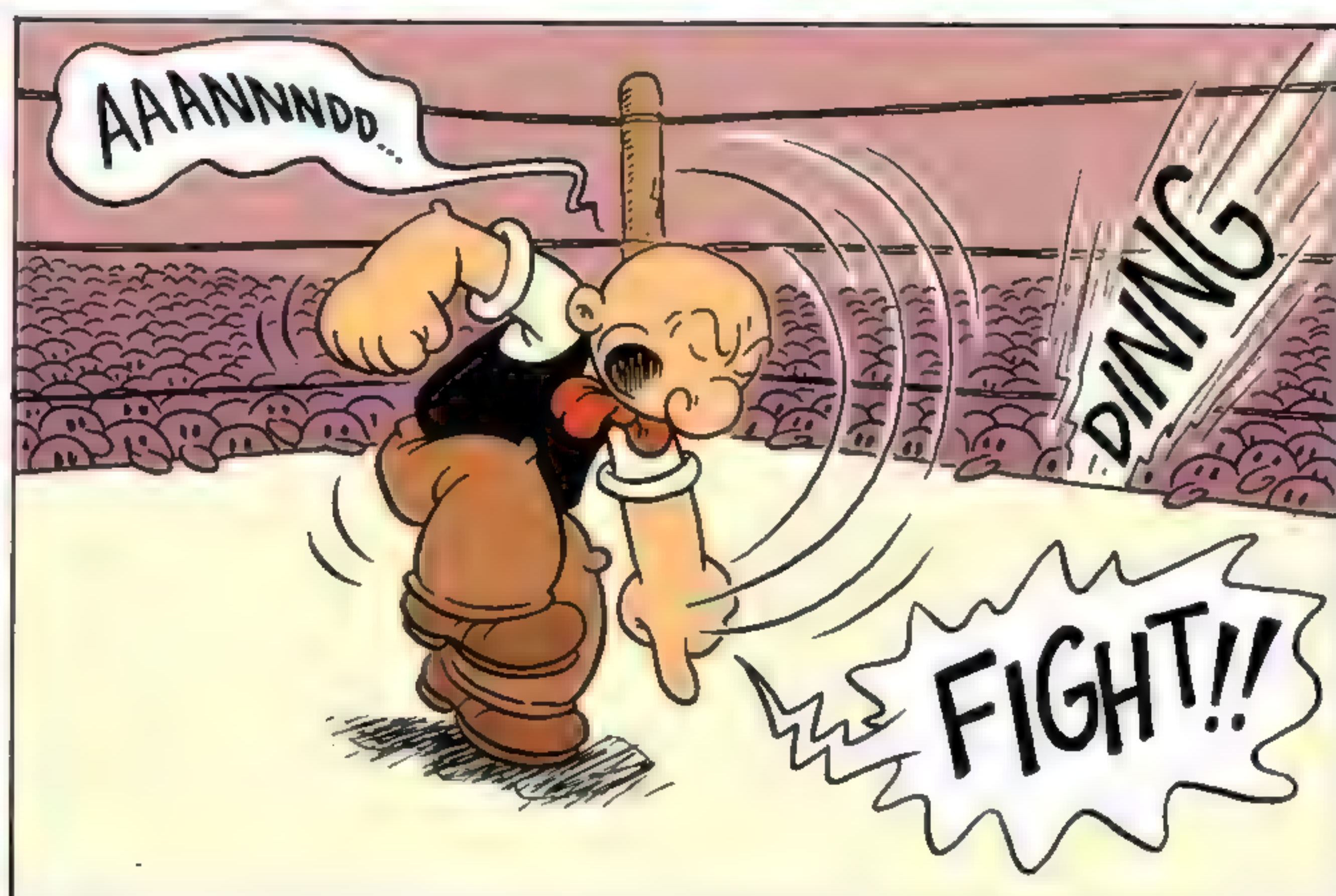
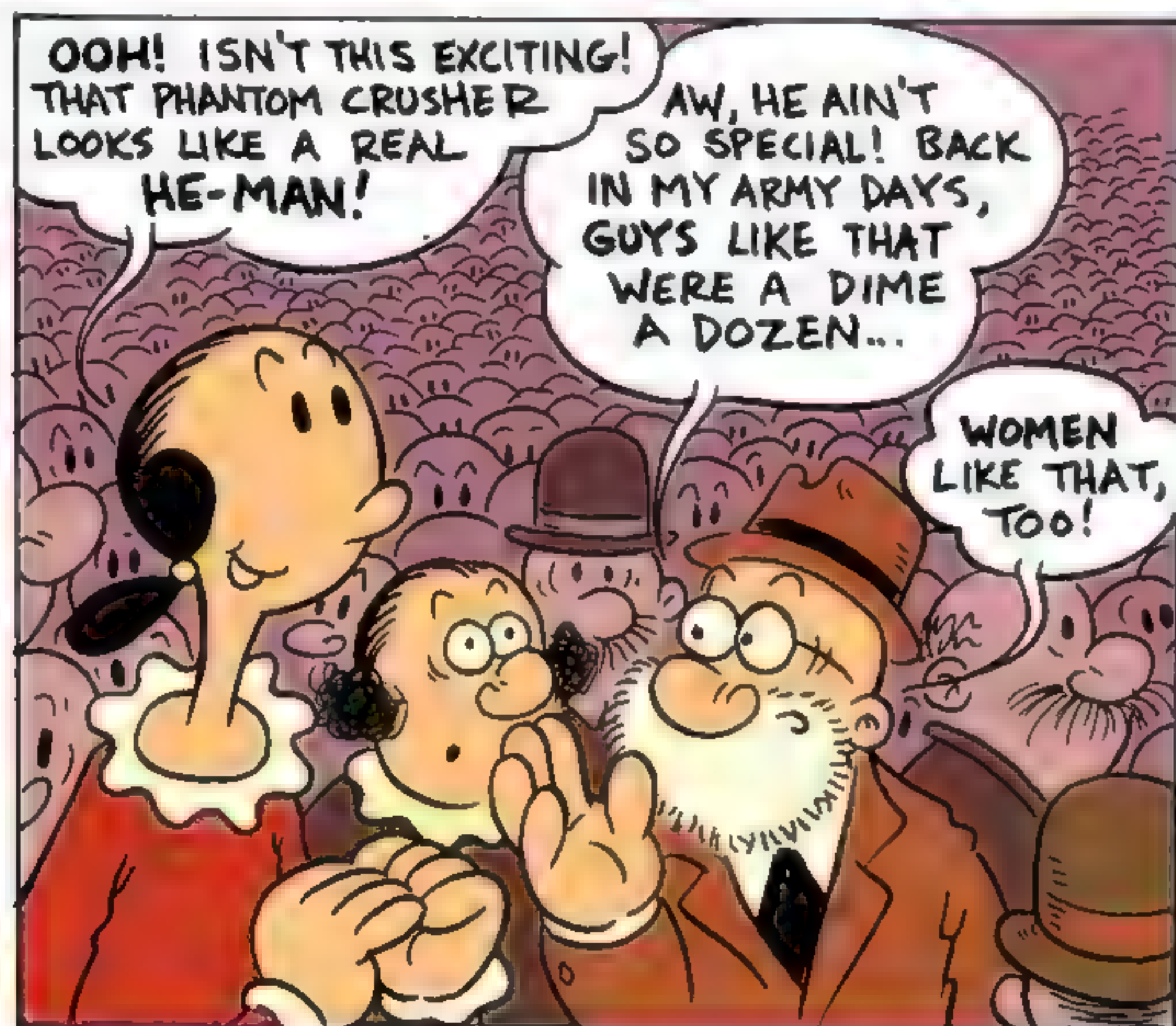
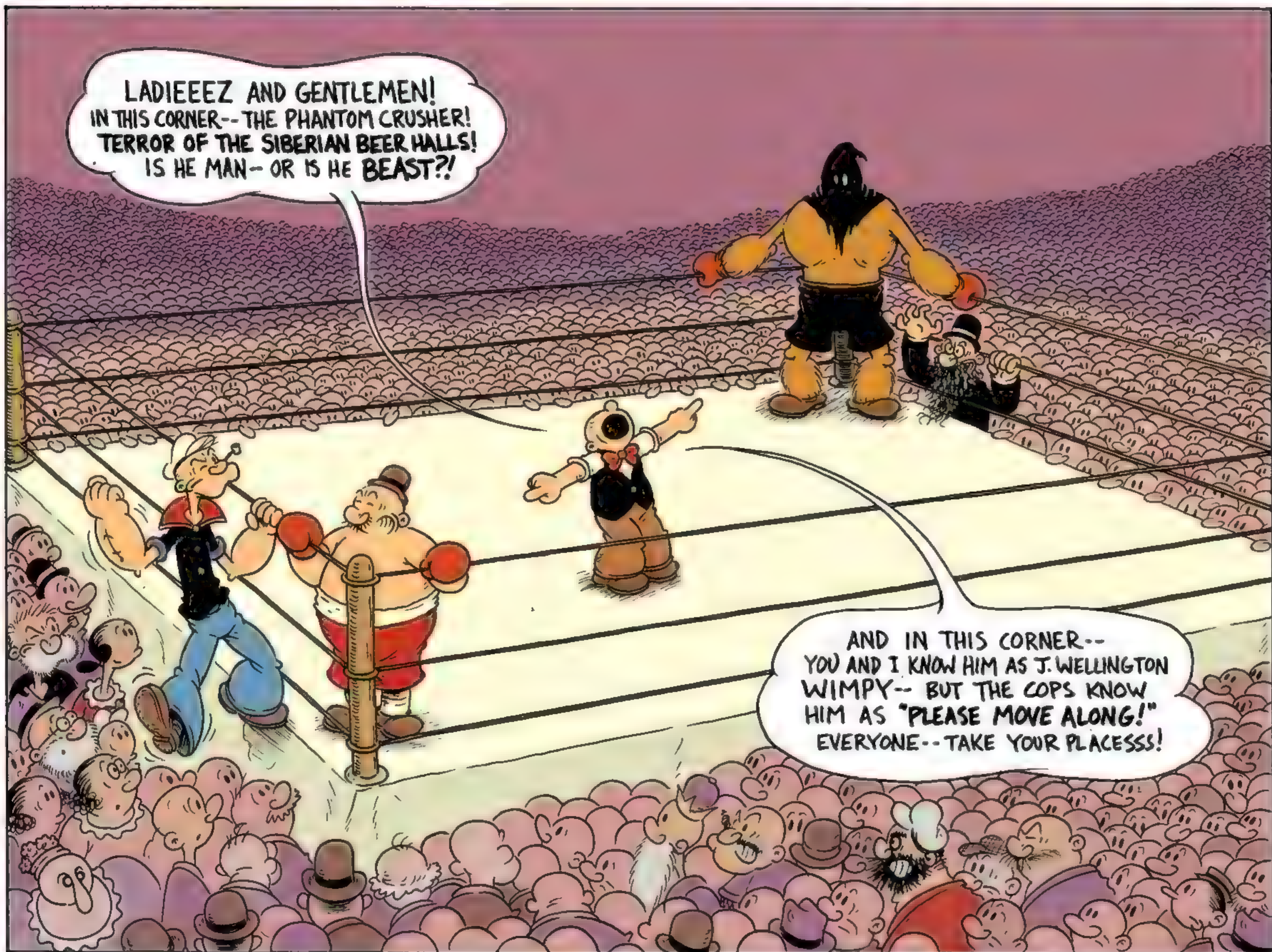
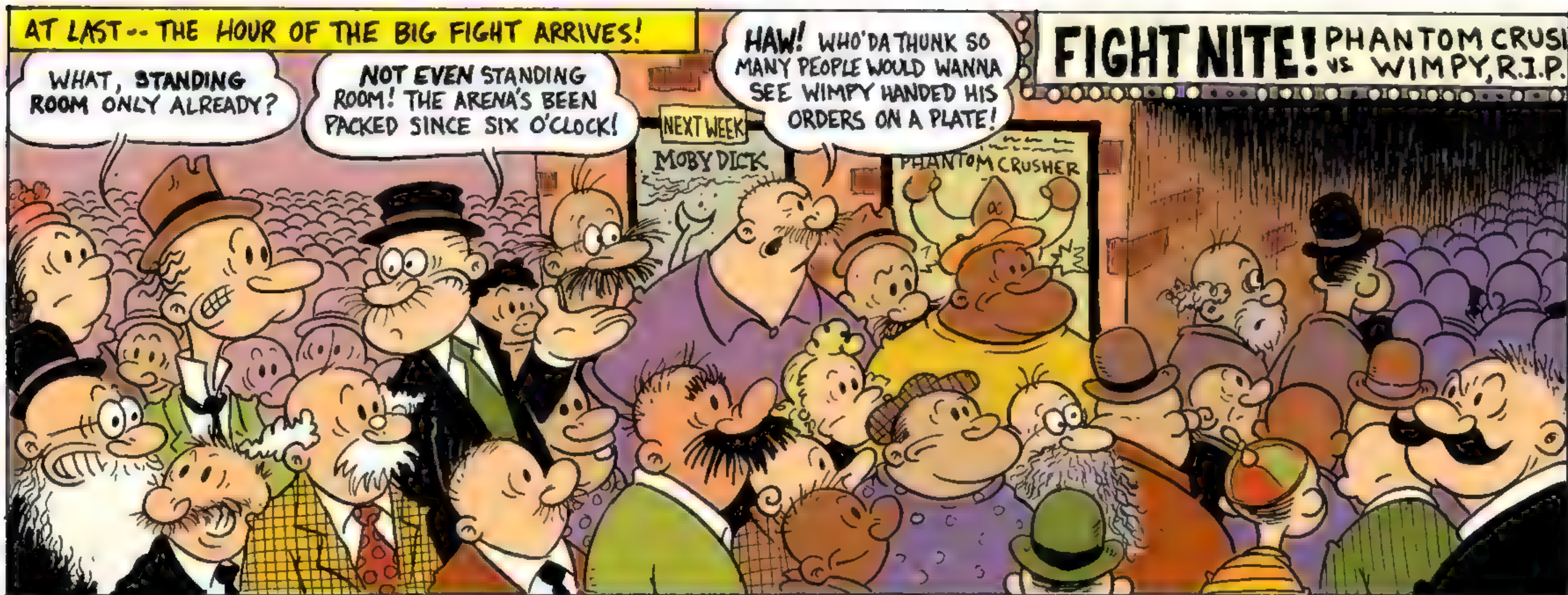


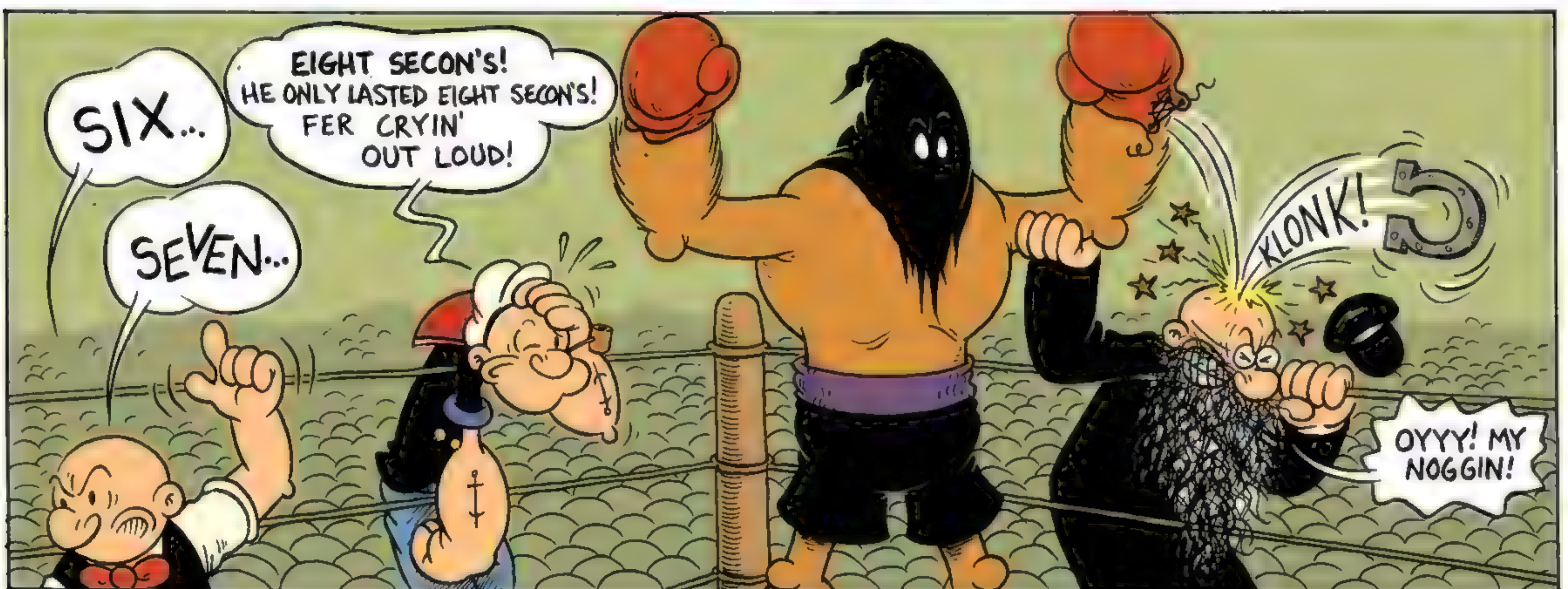
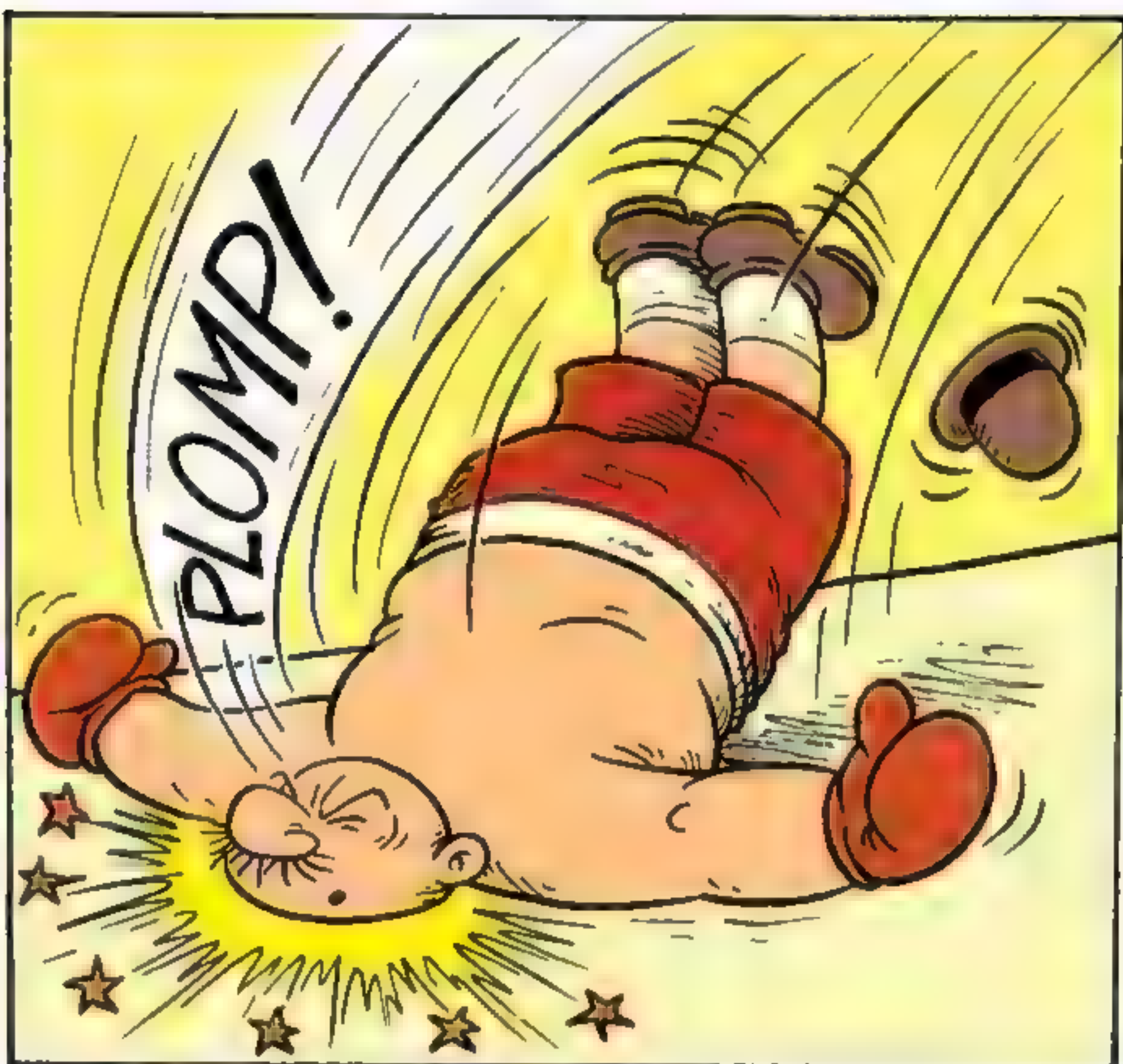
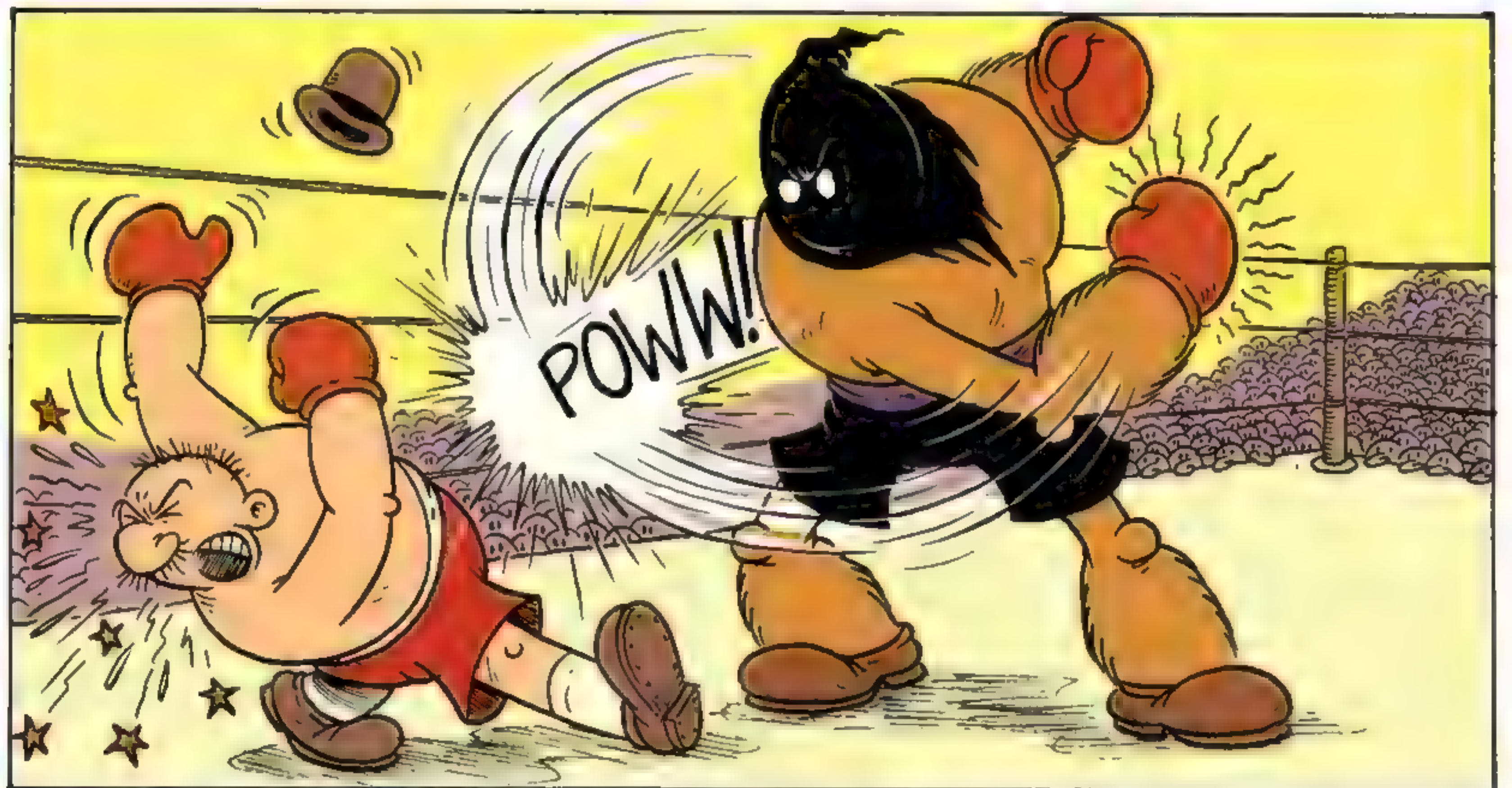
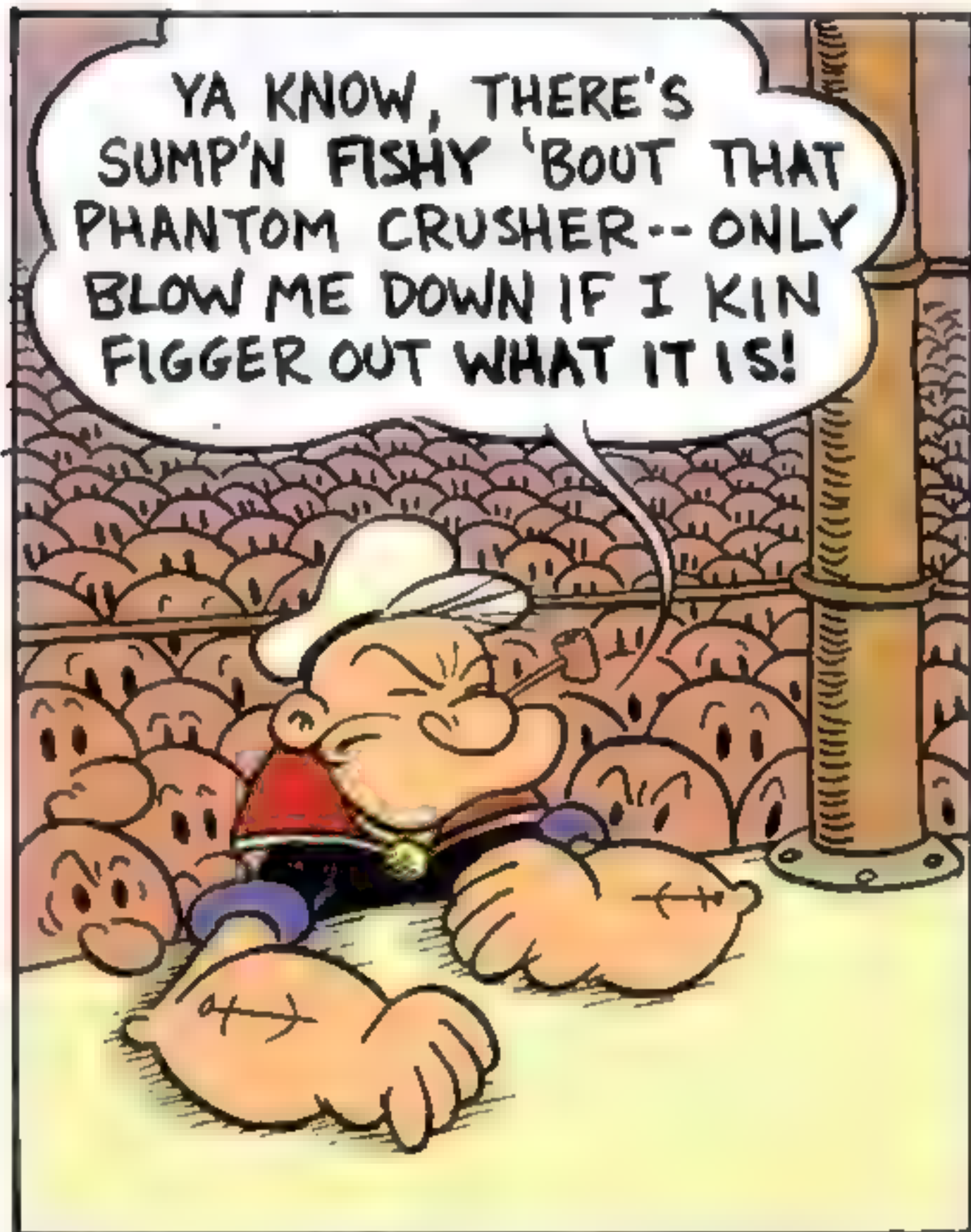
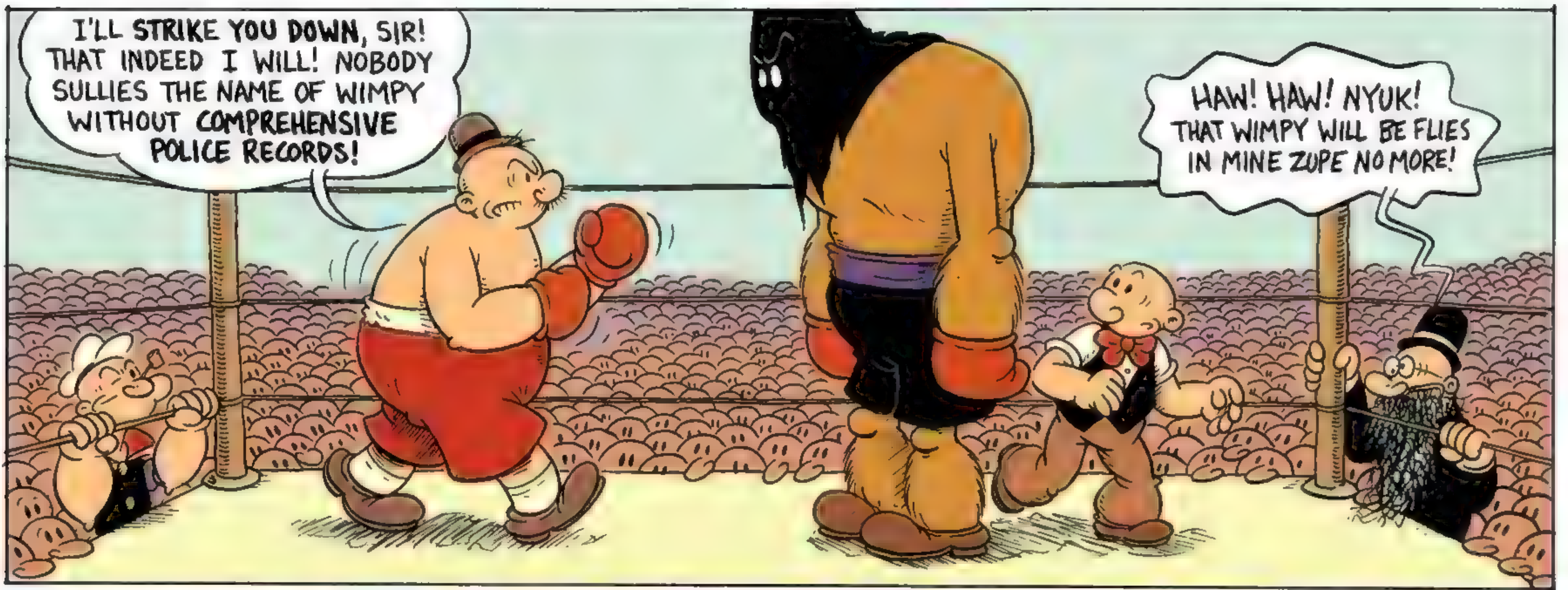


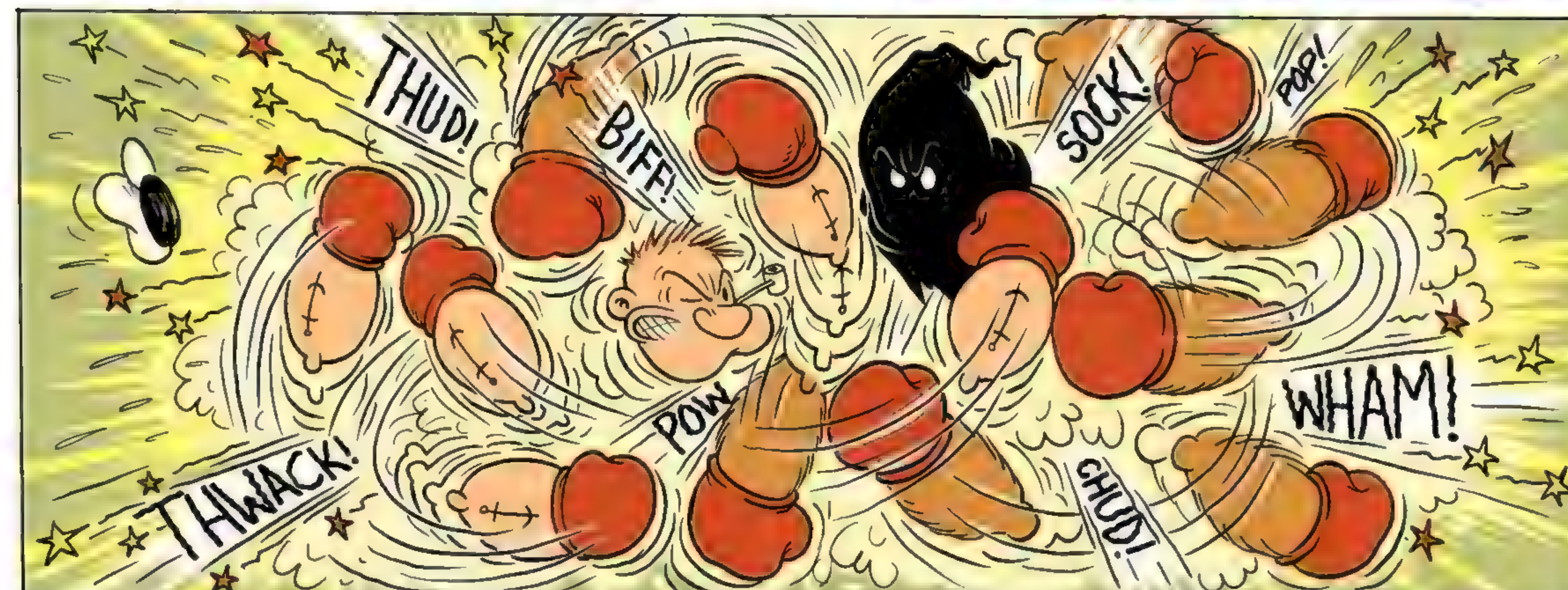
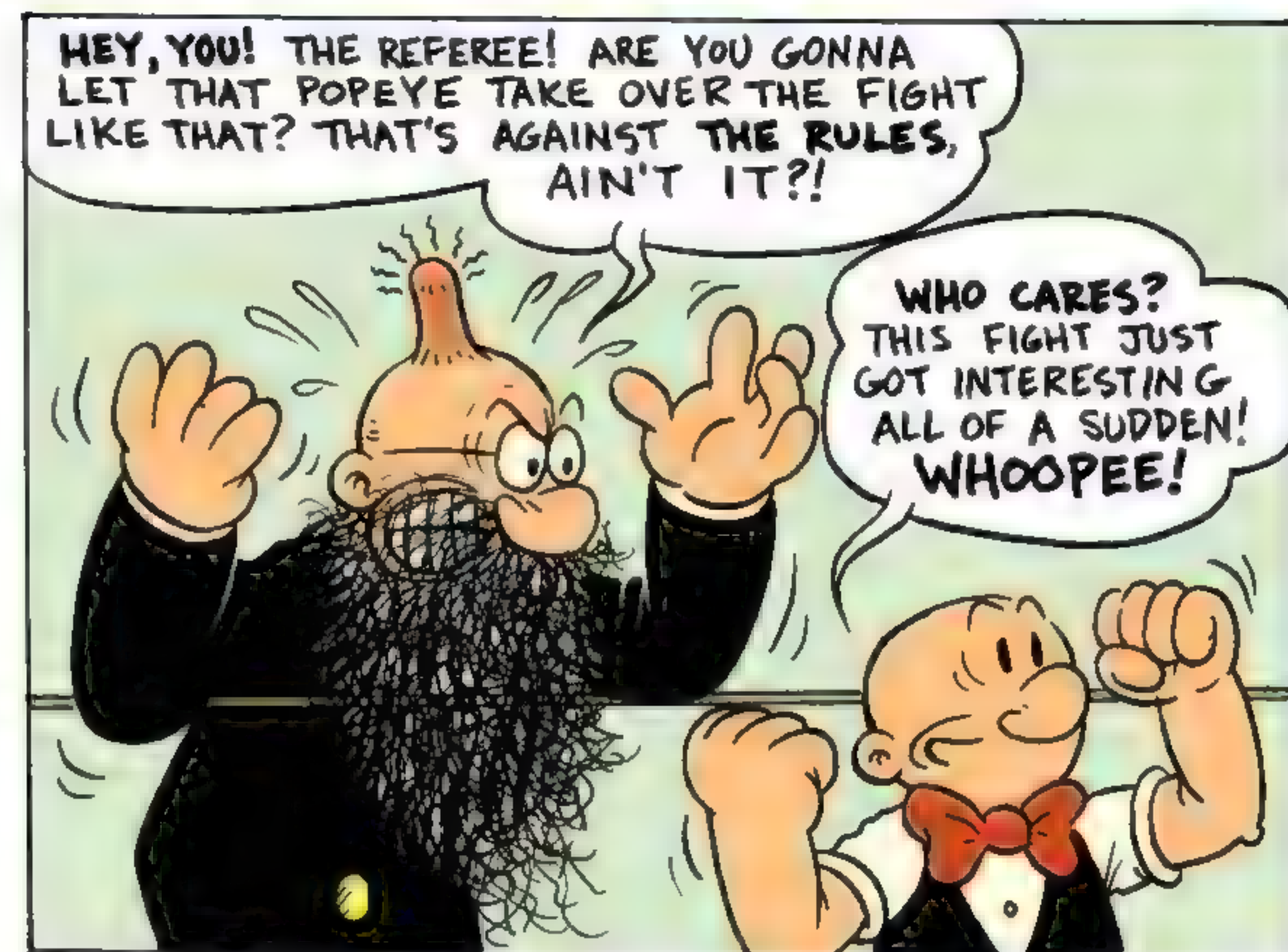
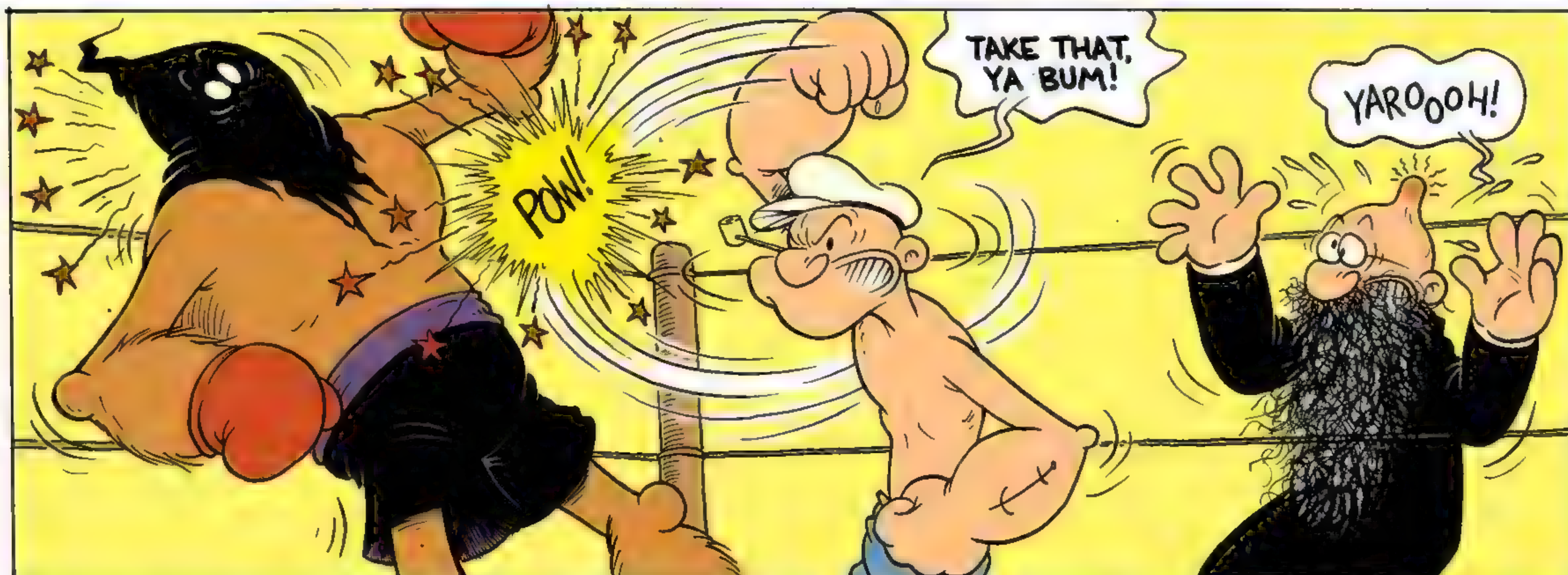
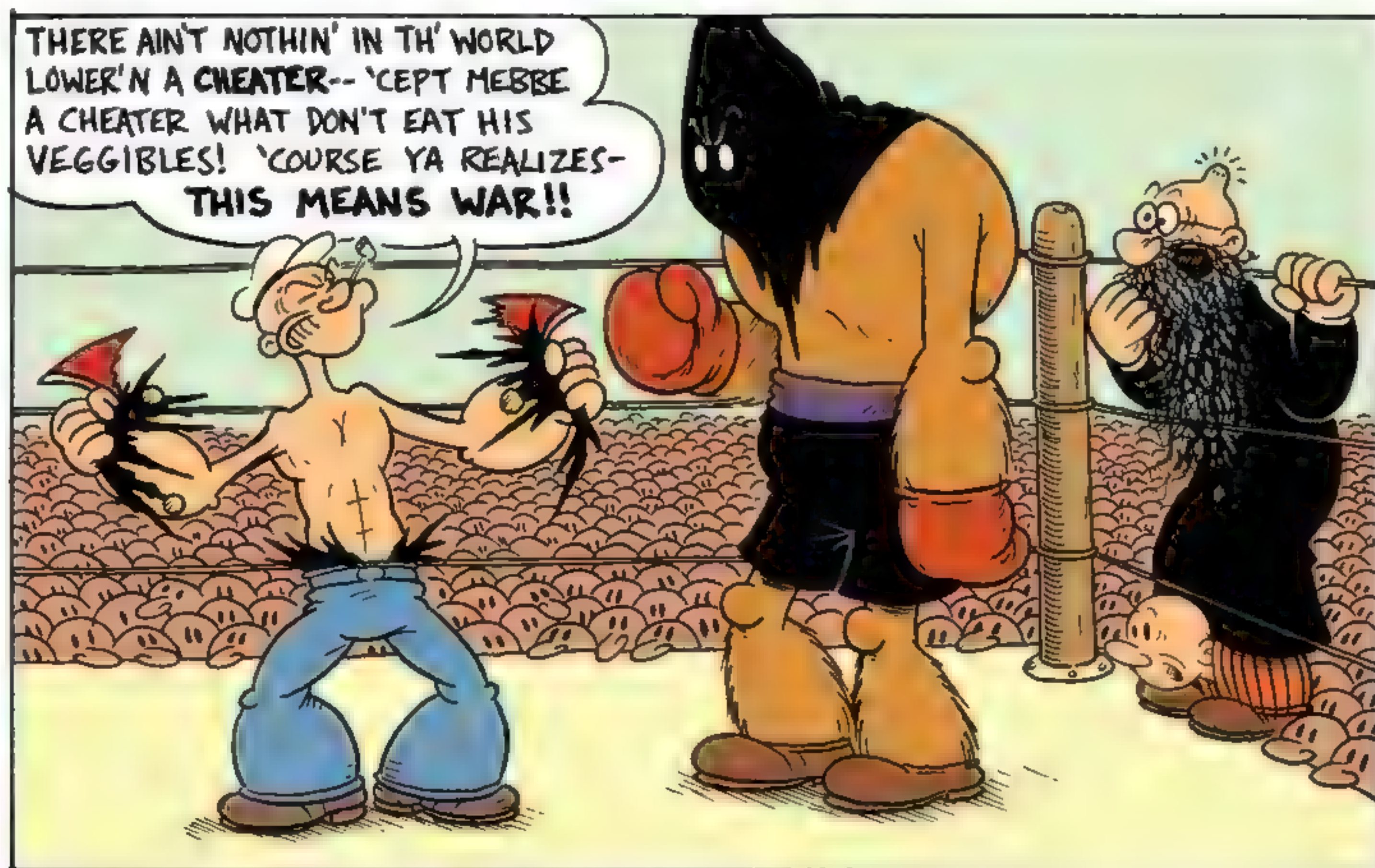
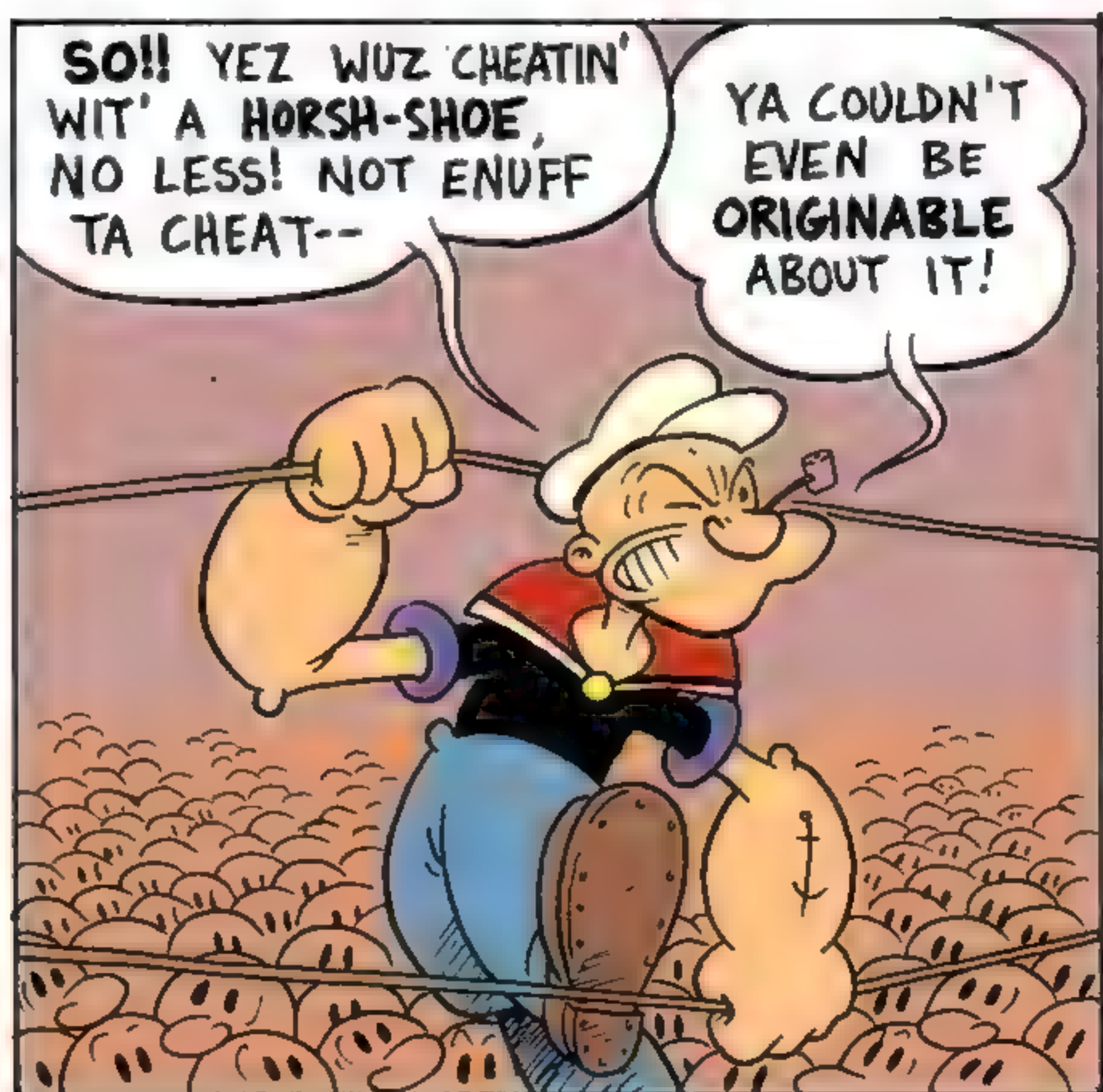


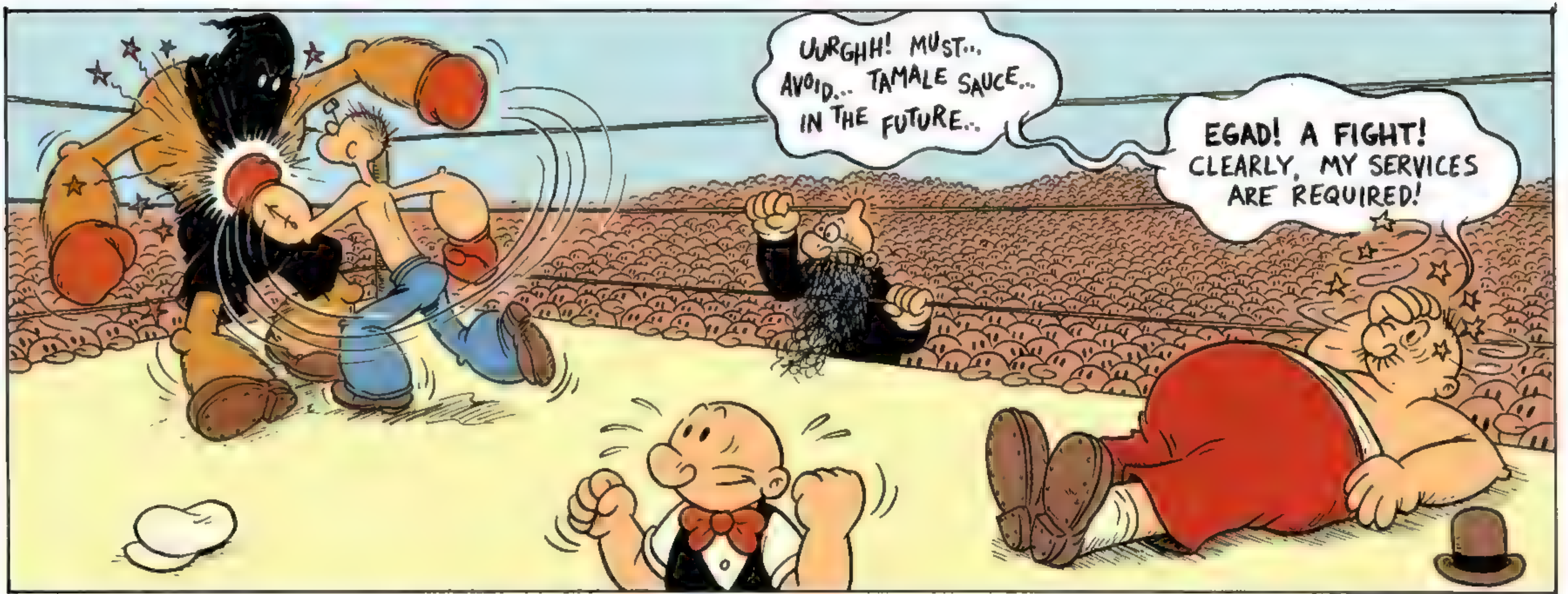












UURGH! MUST...
AVOID... TAMALE SAUCE...
IN THE FUTURE..

EGAD! A FIGHT!
CLEARLY, MY SERVICES
ARE REQUIRED!



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! IN THE
BROWN CORNER, MRS. BERTHA THULES,
FAMOUS FOR HER LEMON CURD!

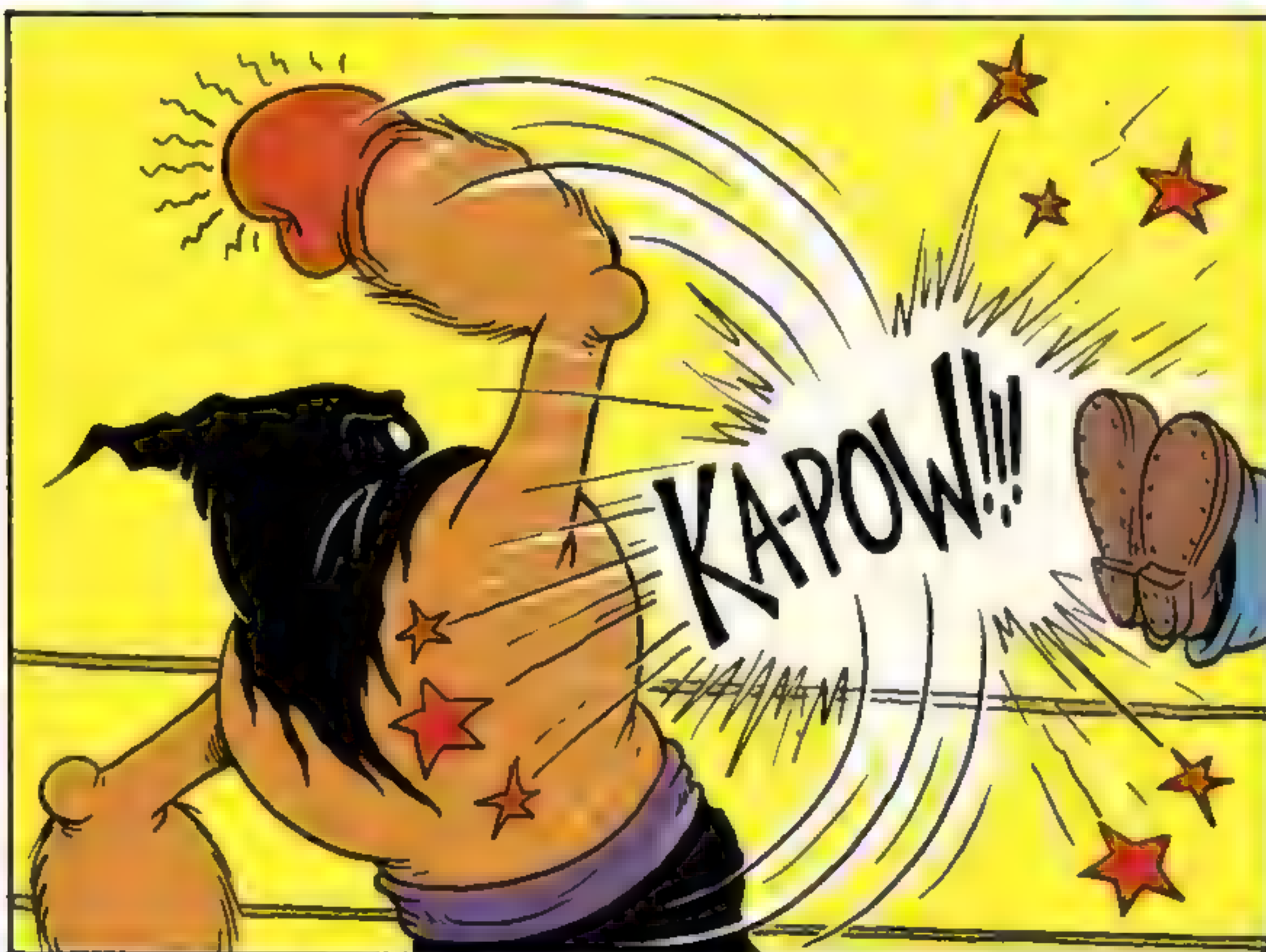
WHAT TH--
OOF!



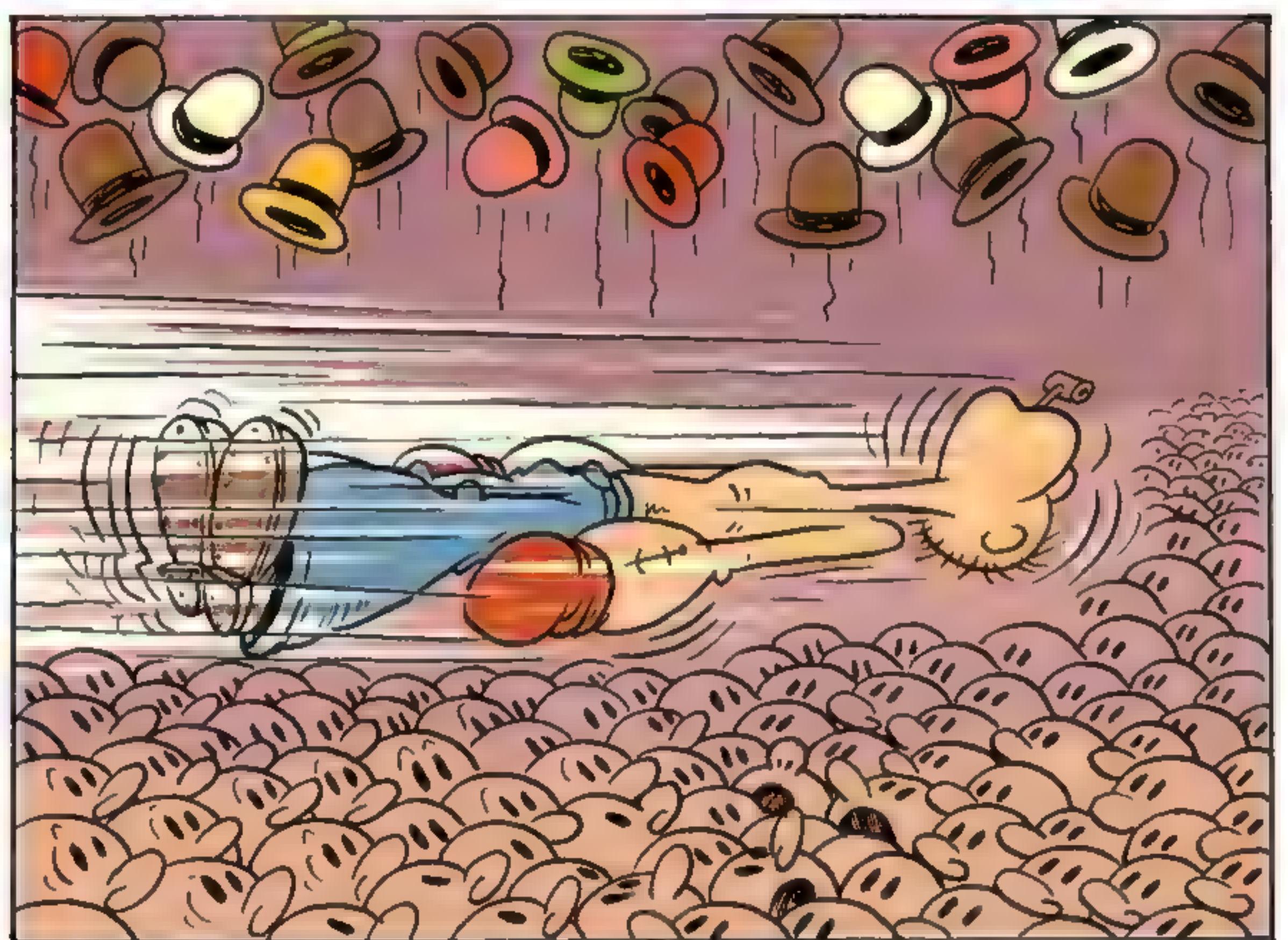
AND IN THE YELLOW CORNER...
OSCAR "THE WASP" MCBUNT--
BETTER KNOWN AS
THE POUGHKEPSIE
BADGER!



ALSO-- ONE MORE VERY
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT...
J. WELLINGTON WIMPY IS
YOUR REFEREEEEE...

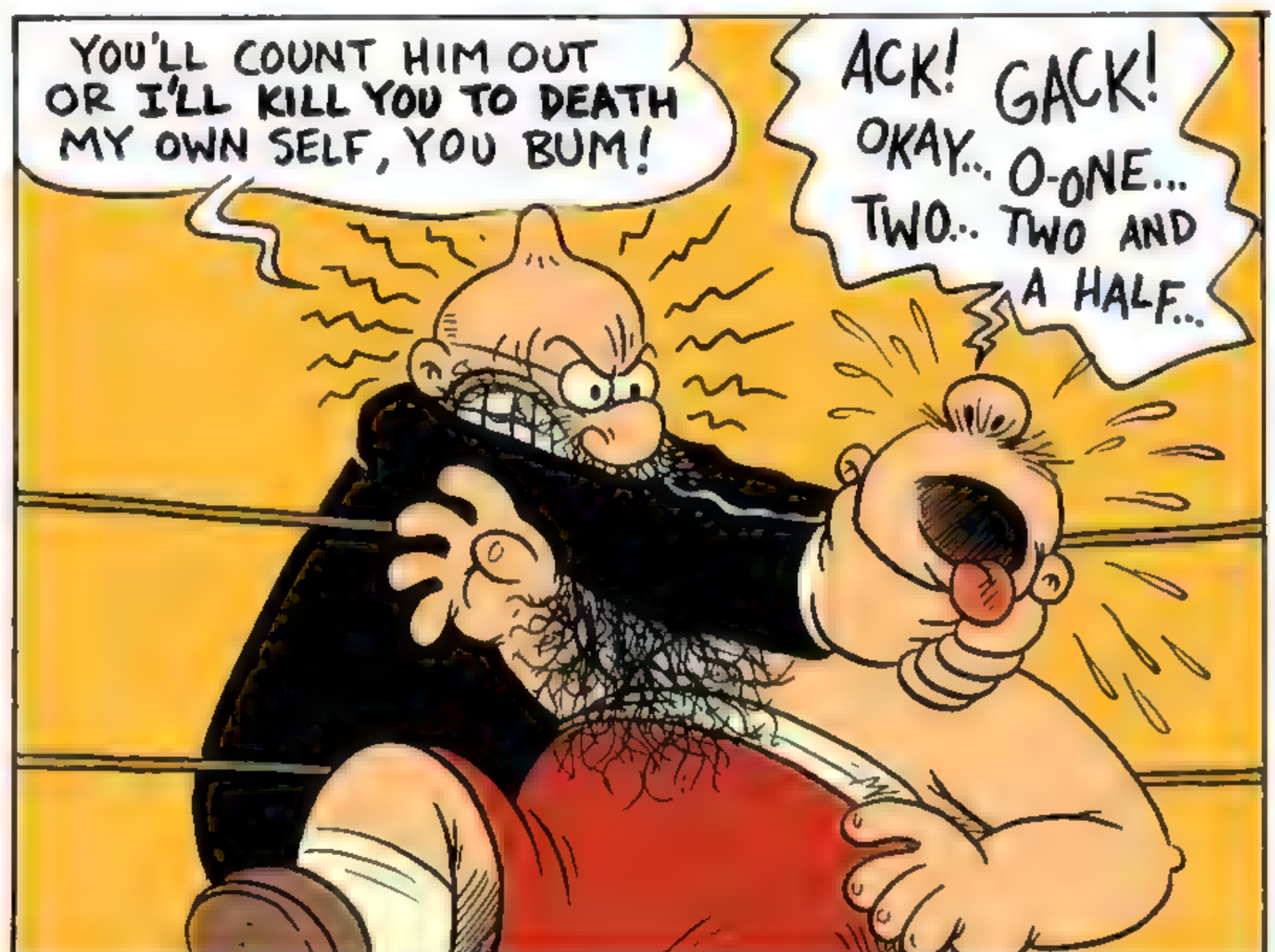


KA-POW!!!



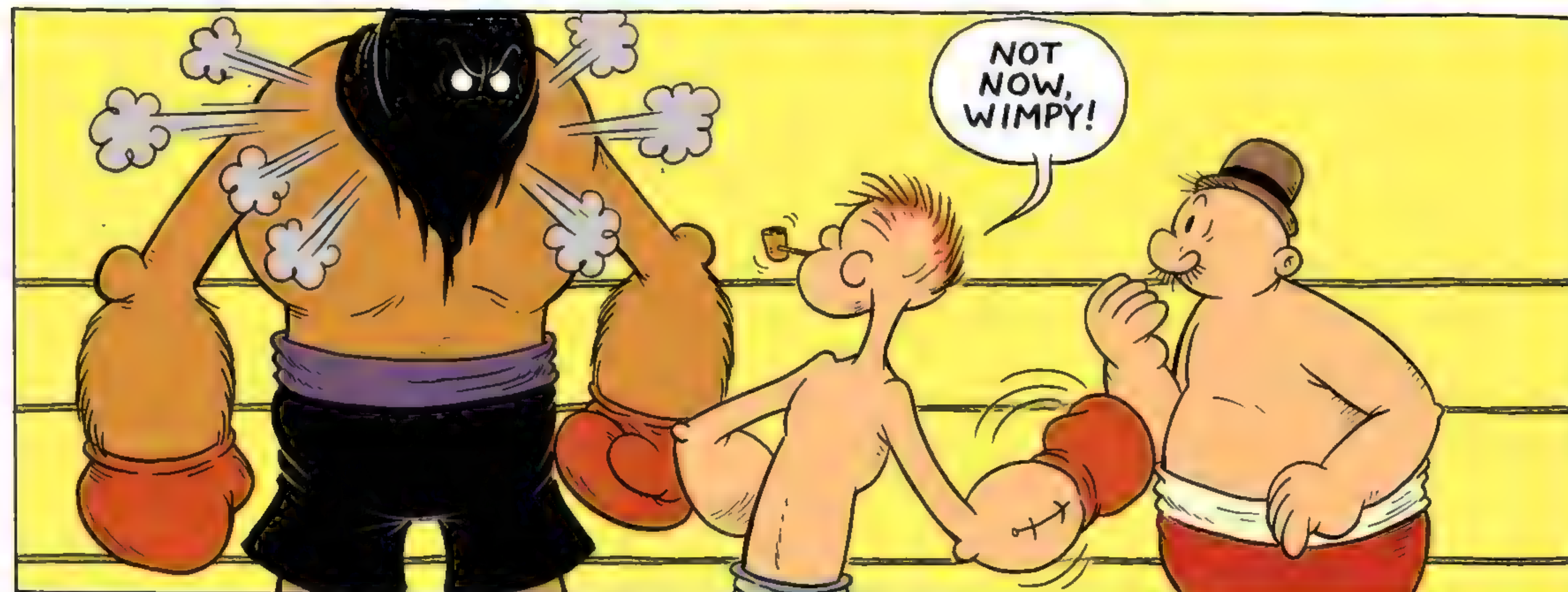
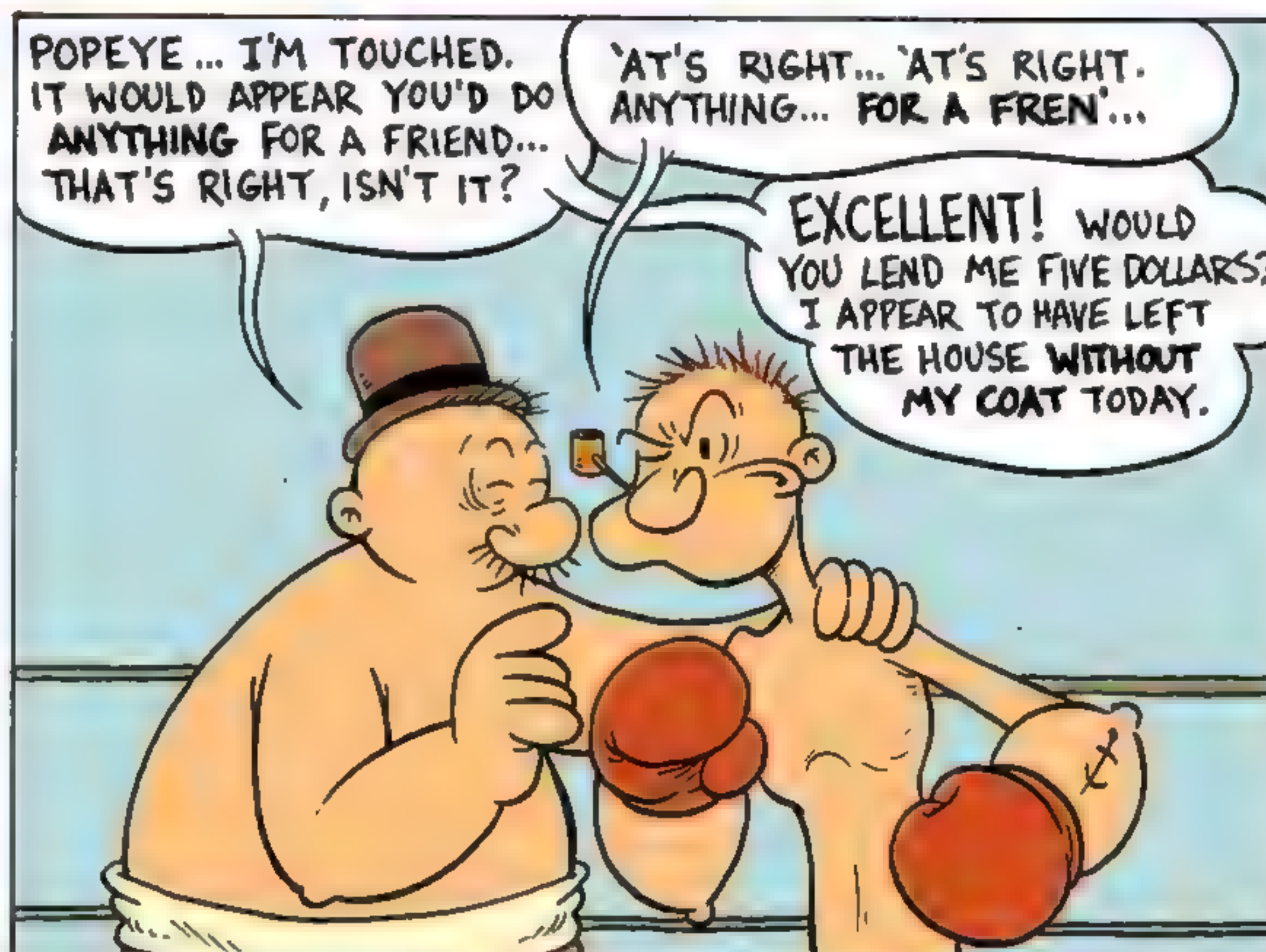
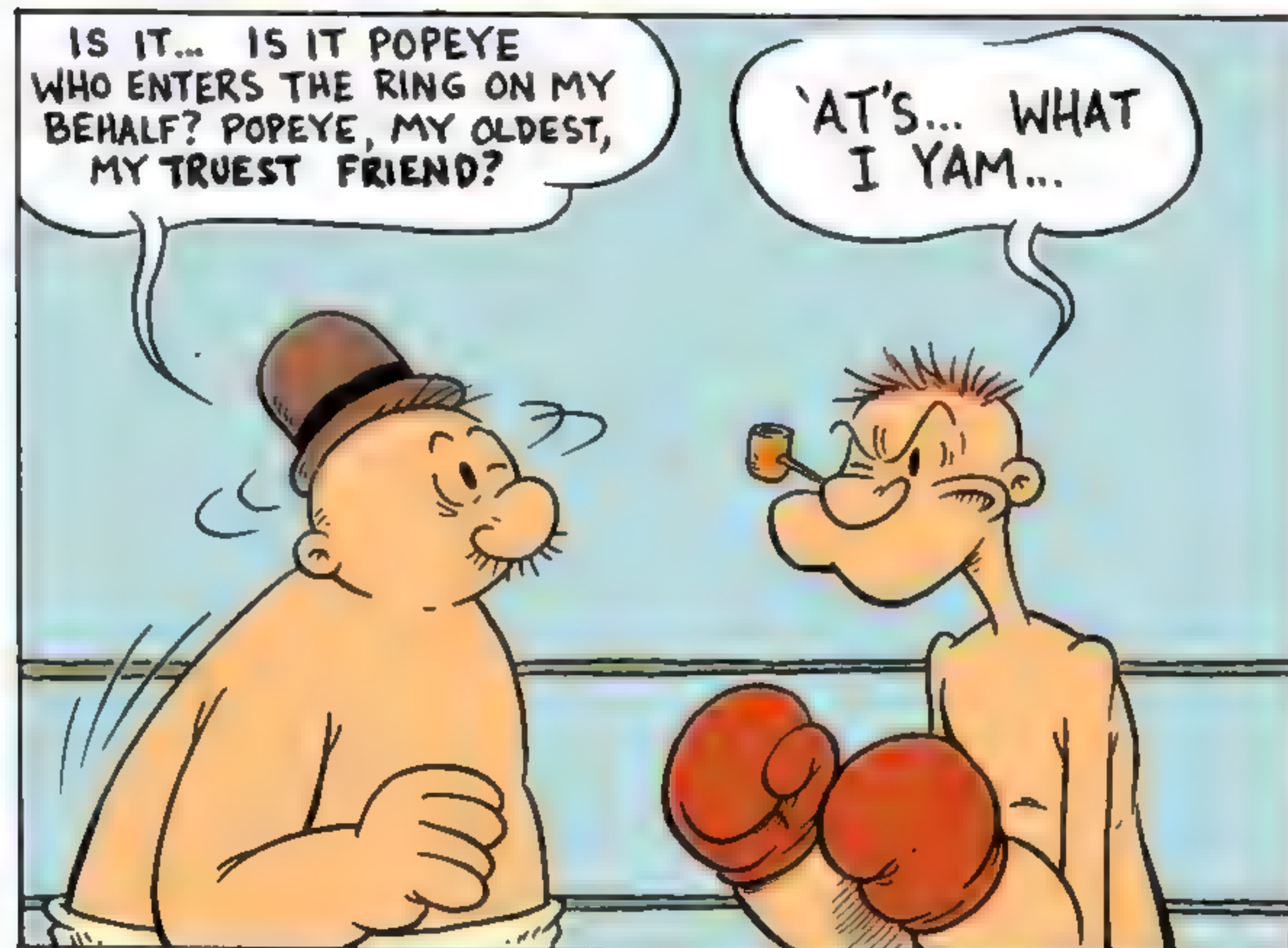
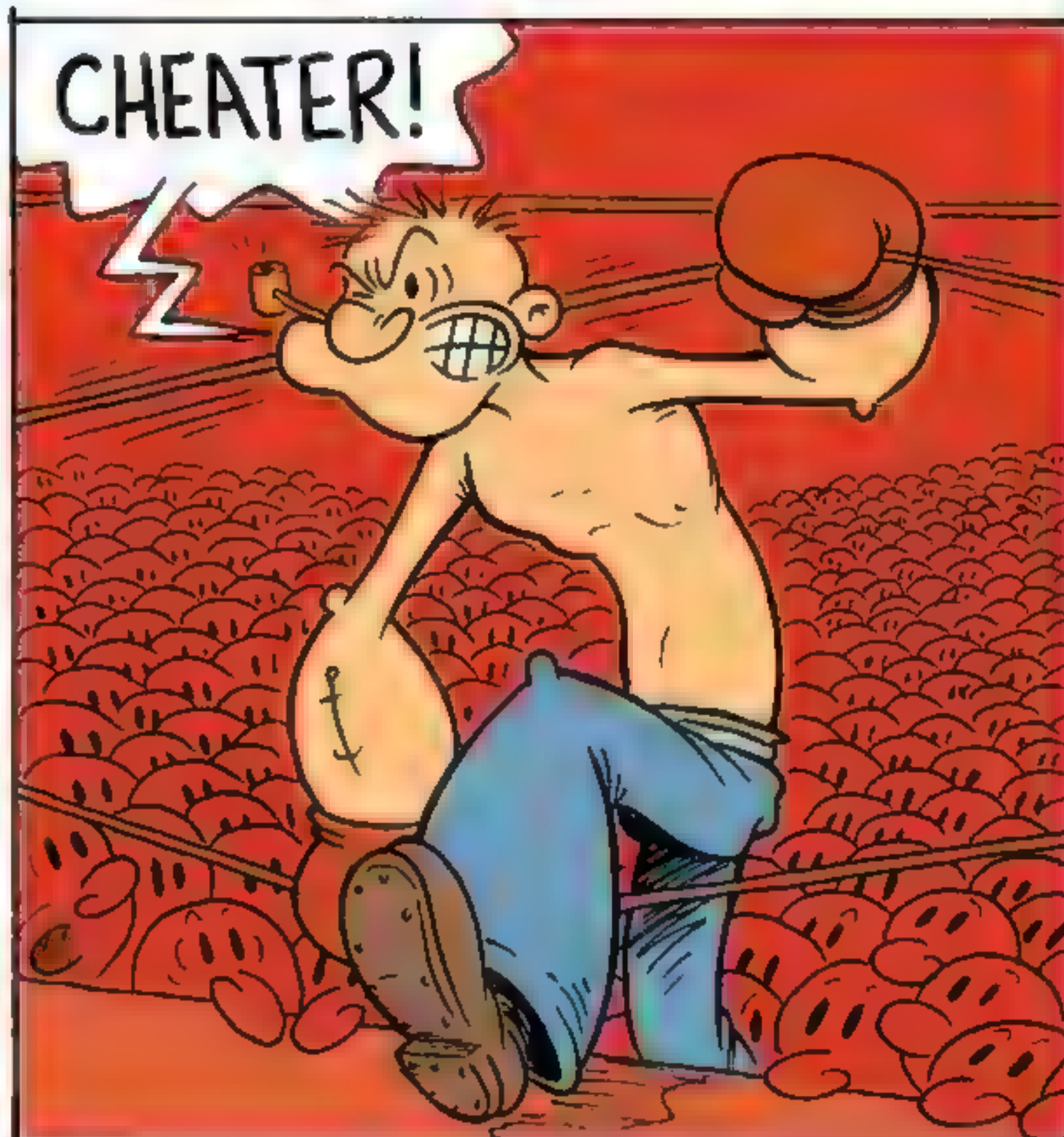
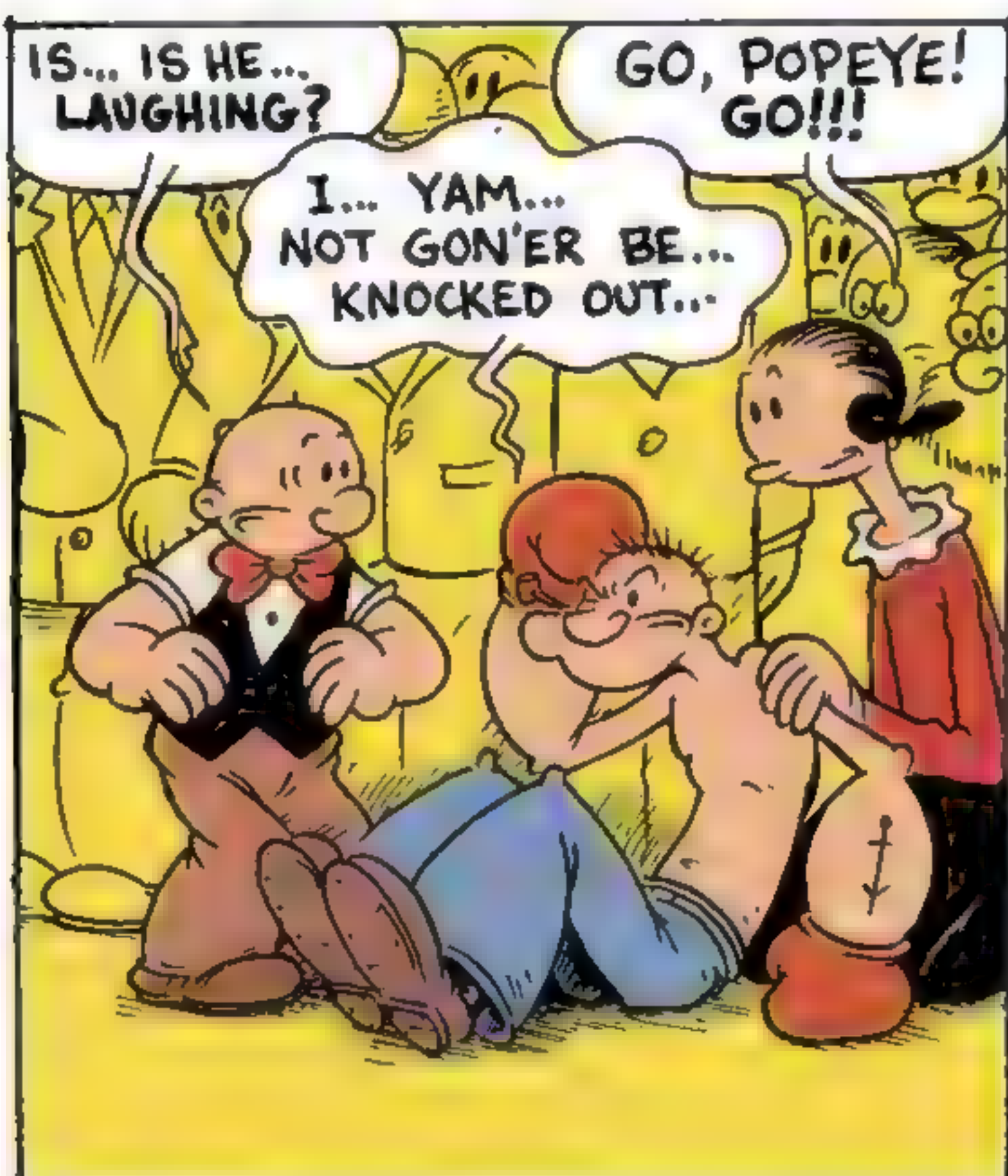
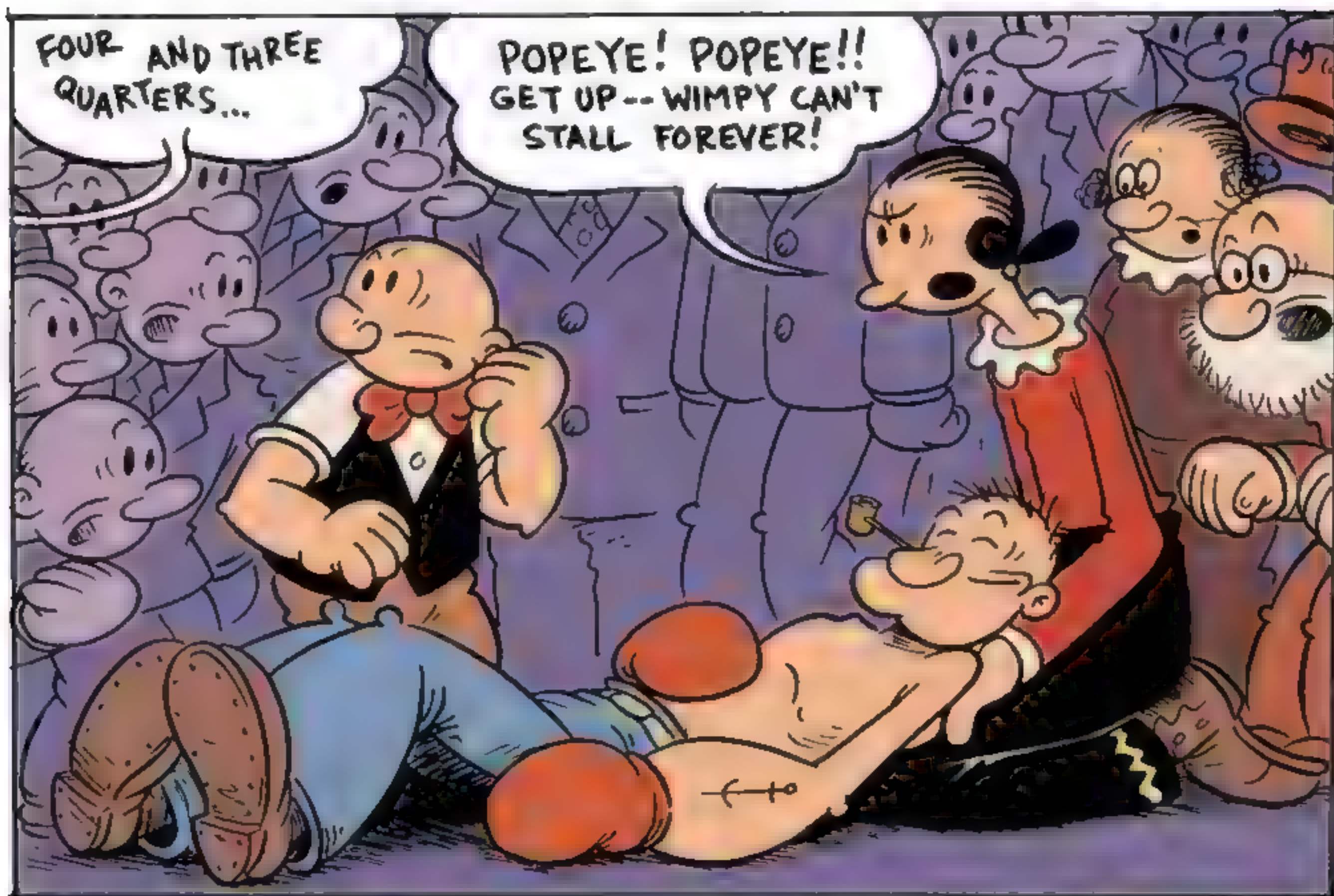
WIMPY, YOU NO-GOOD NOGOODNIK!
COUNT THE MAN OUT! HE'S COLDER 'N
A MACKEREL IN KELSEY'S
FREEZER!

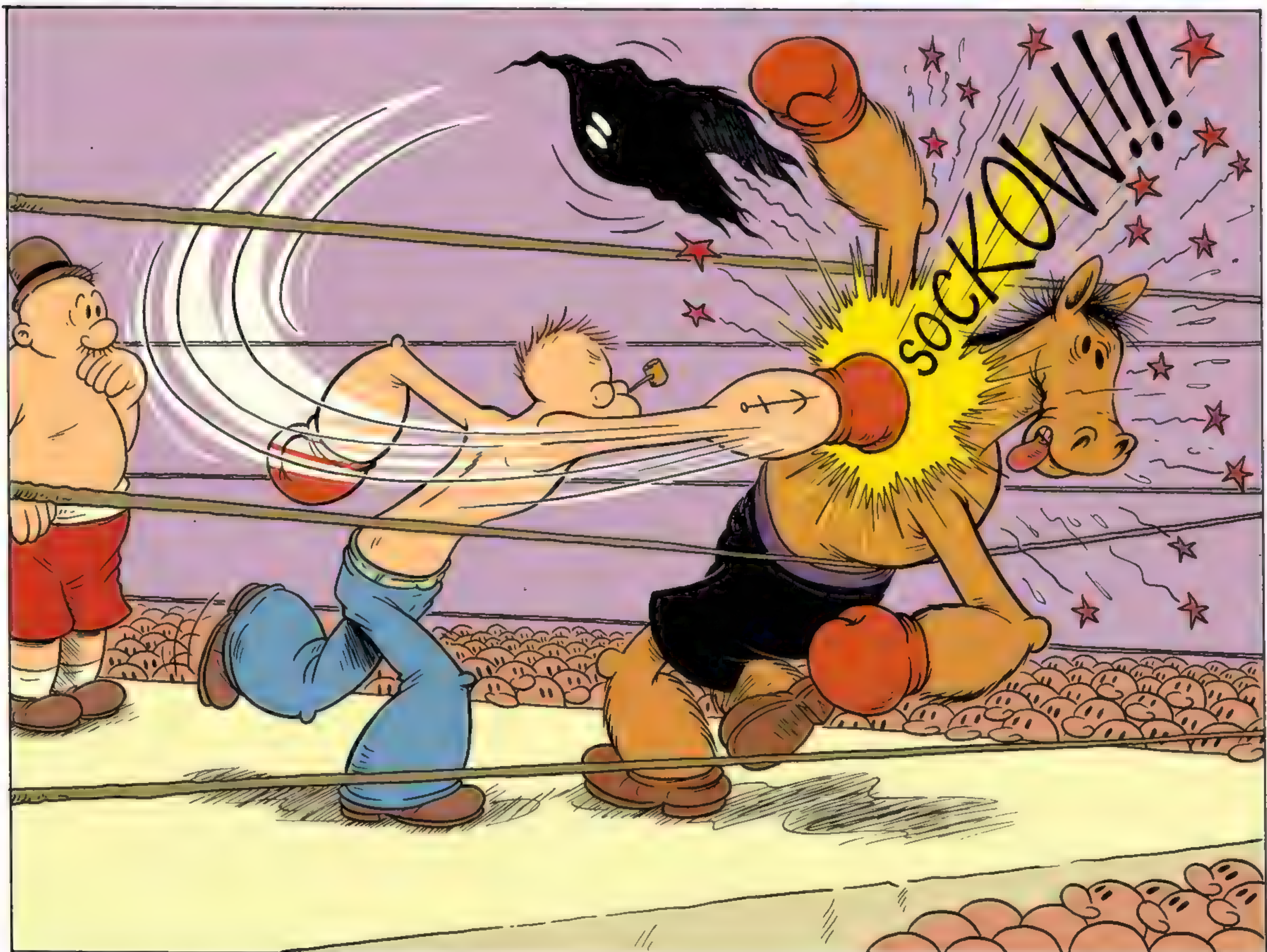
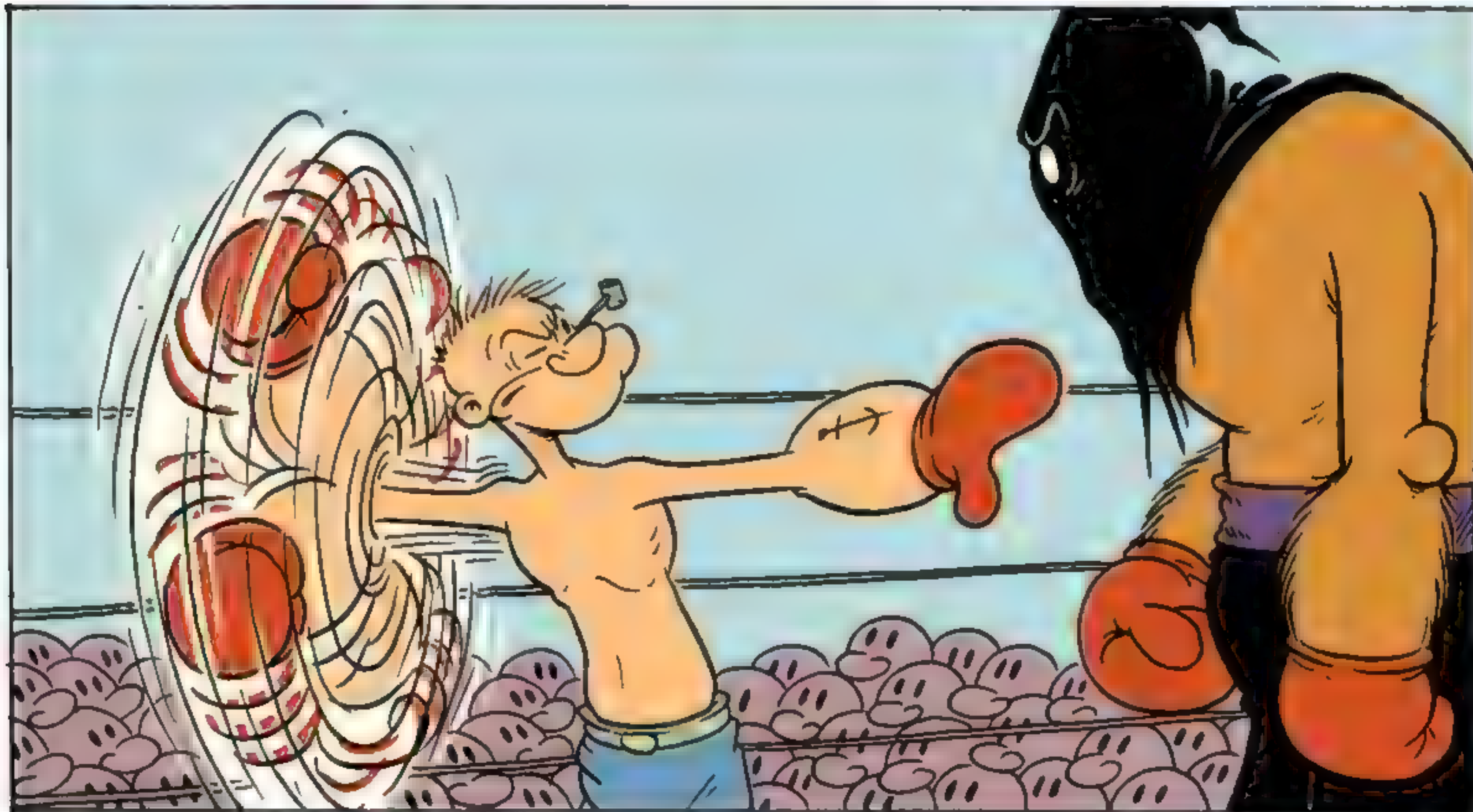
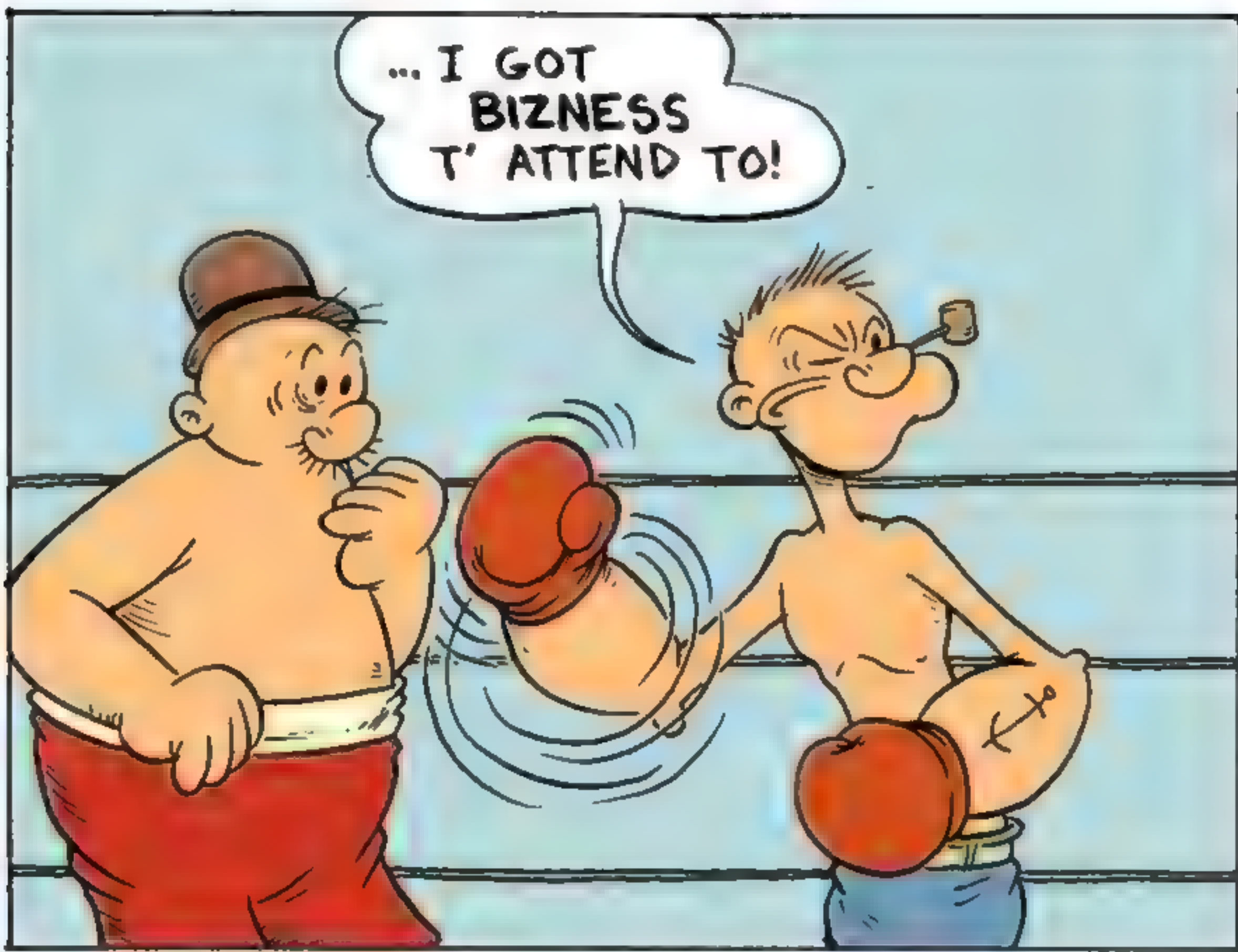
HMM... LOVELY
WEATHER
WE'RE HAVING
TODAY, ISN'T
IT?

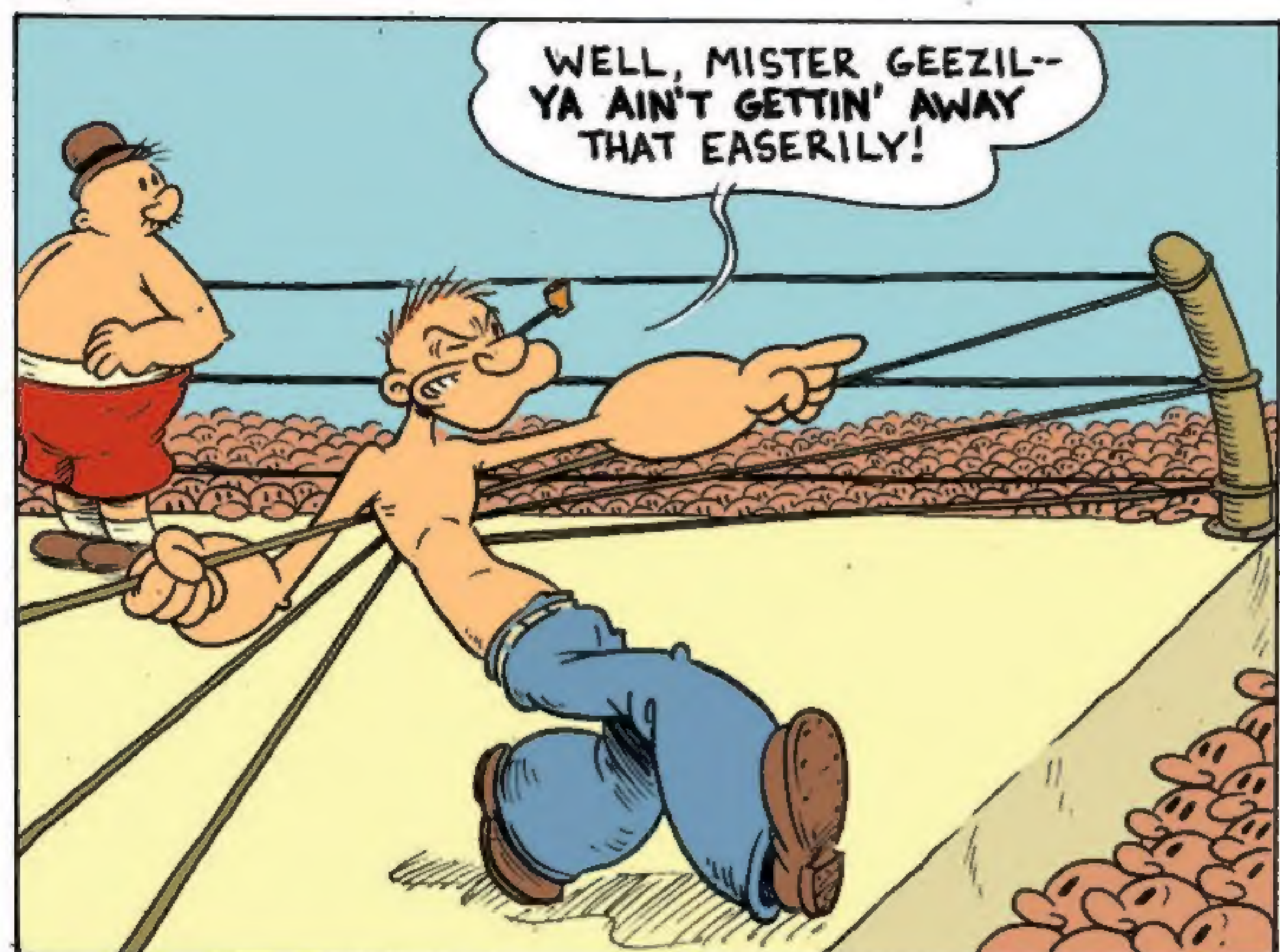
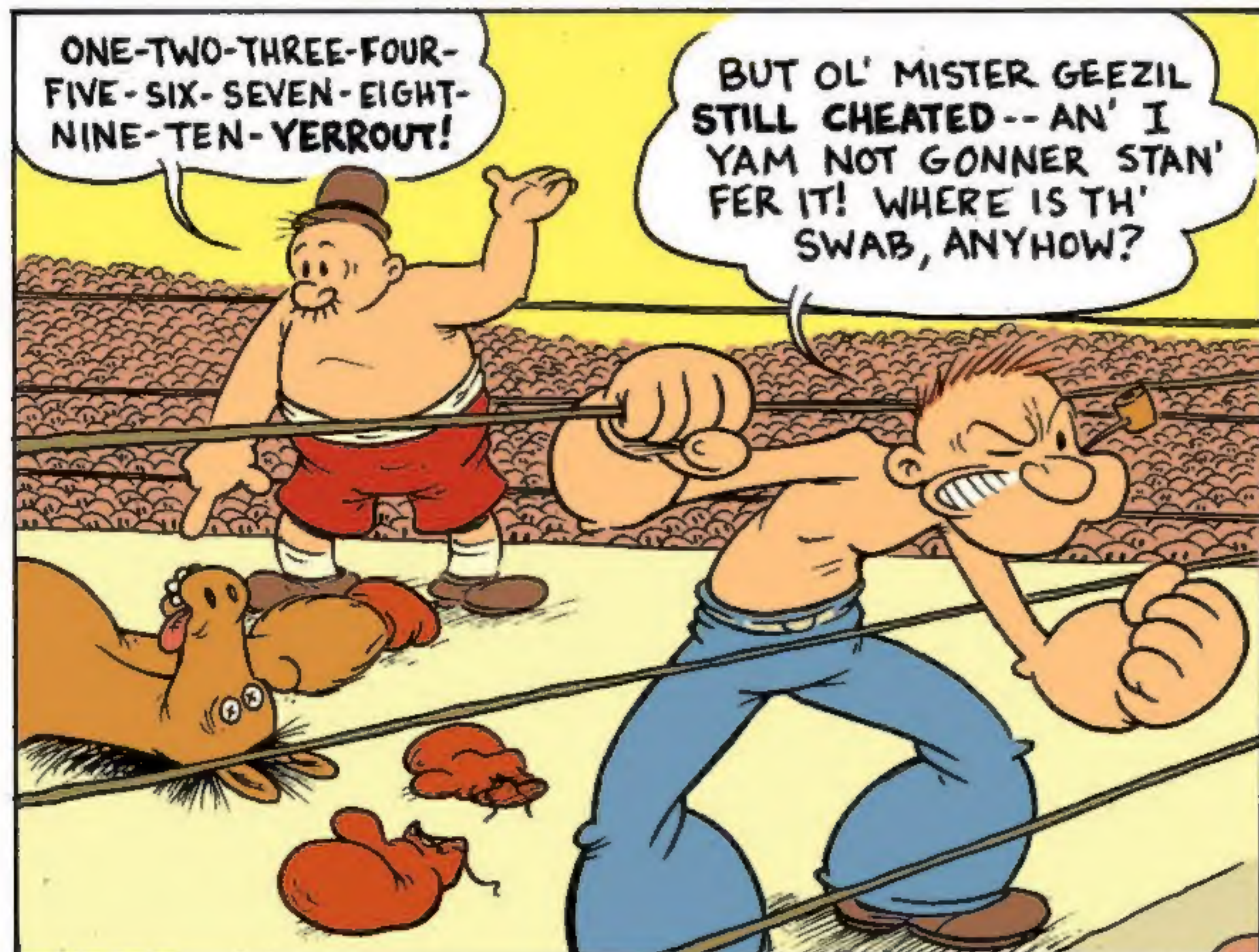
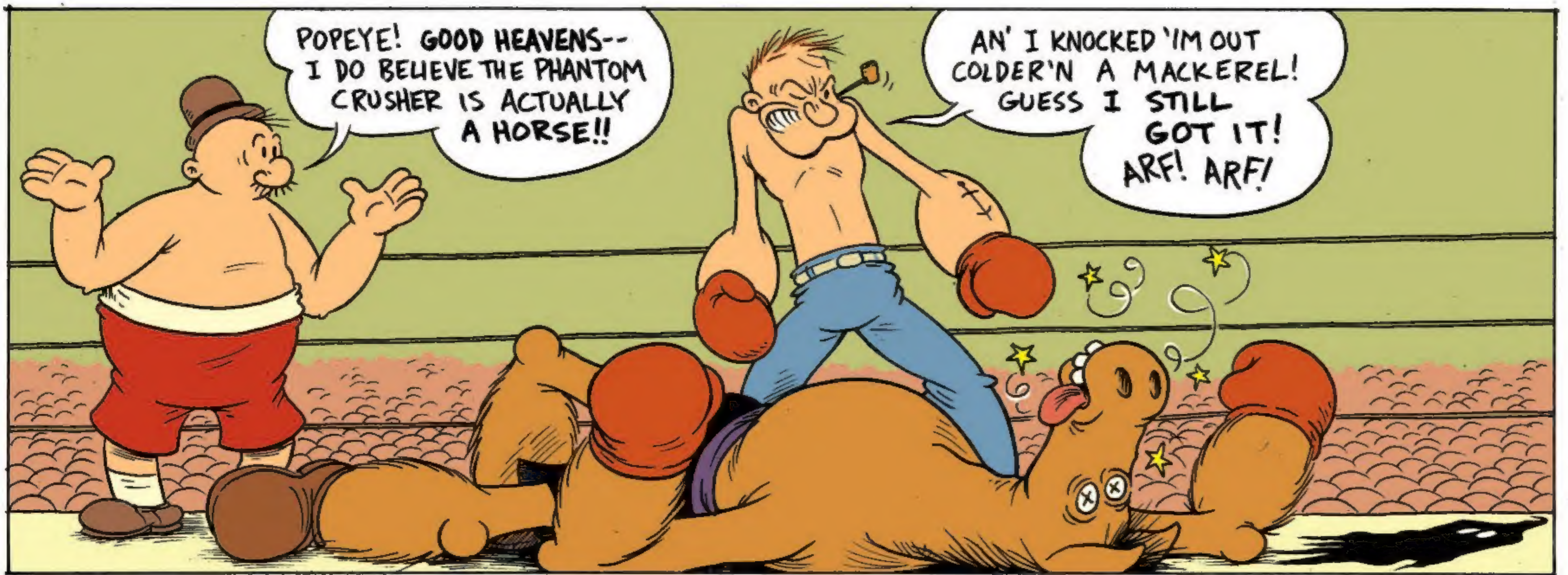


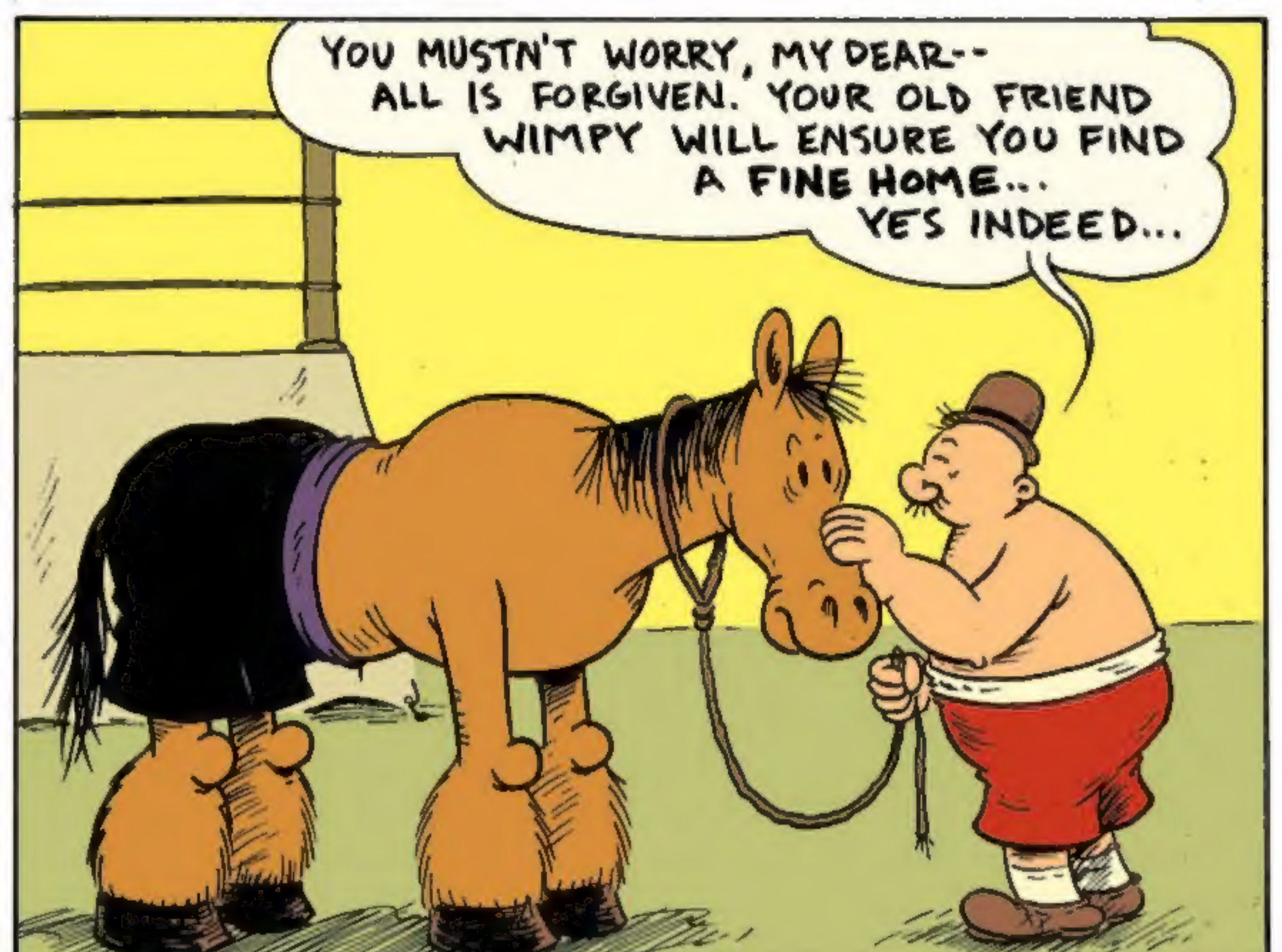
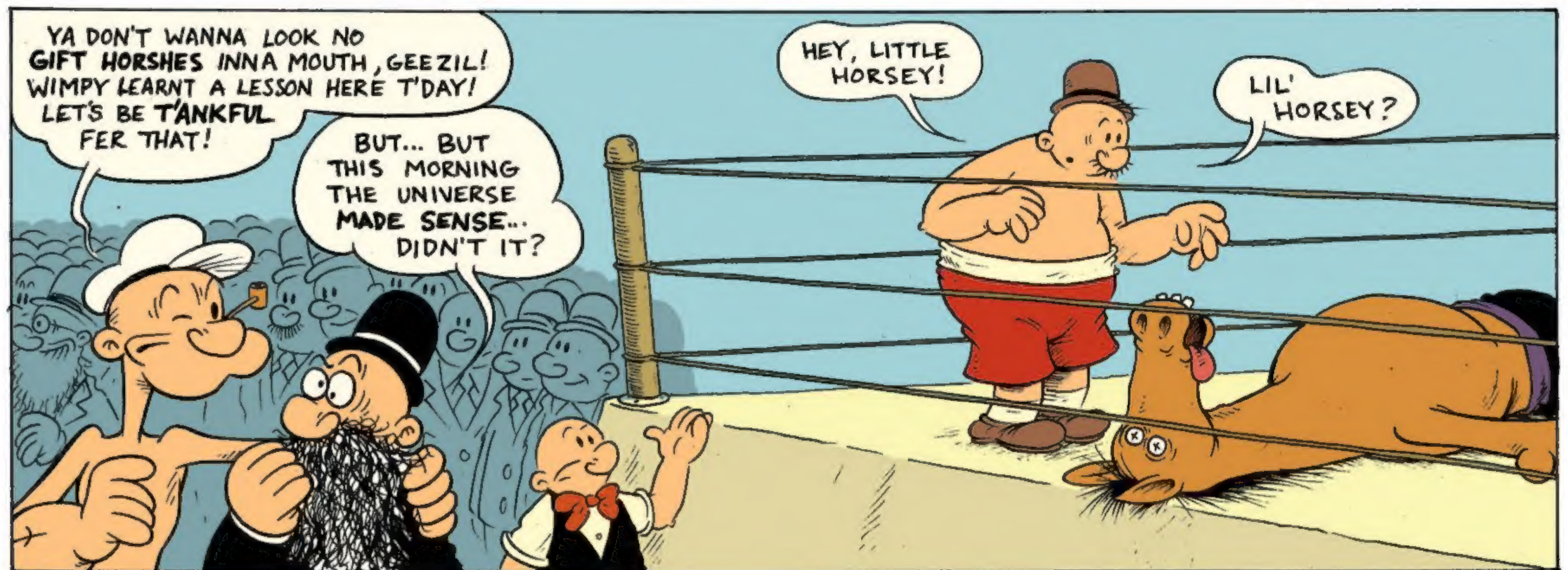
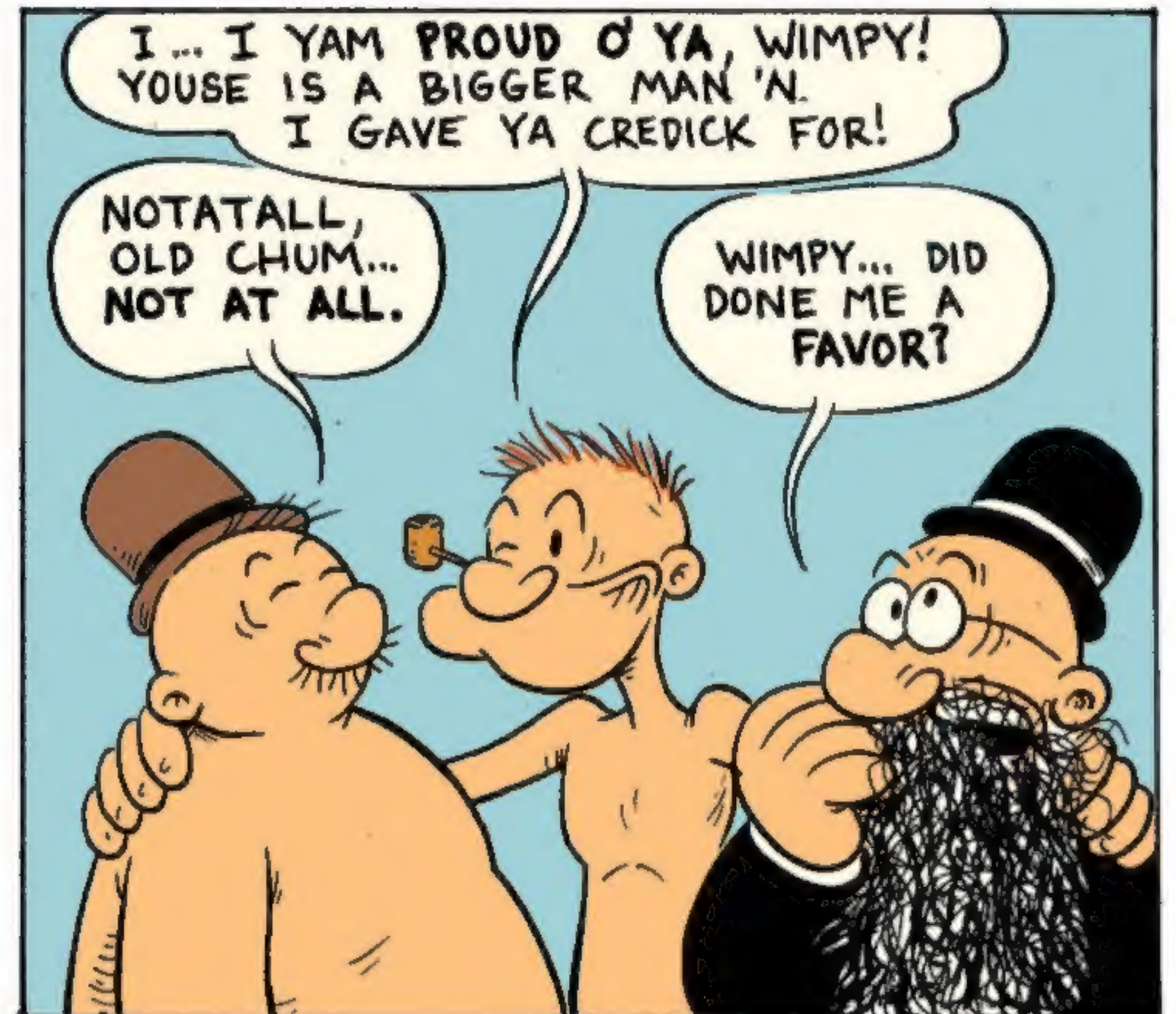
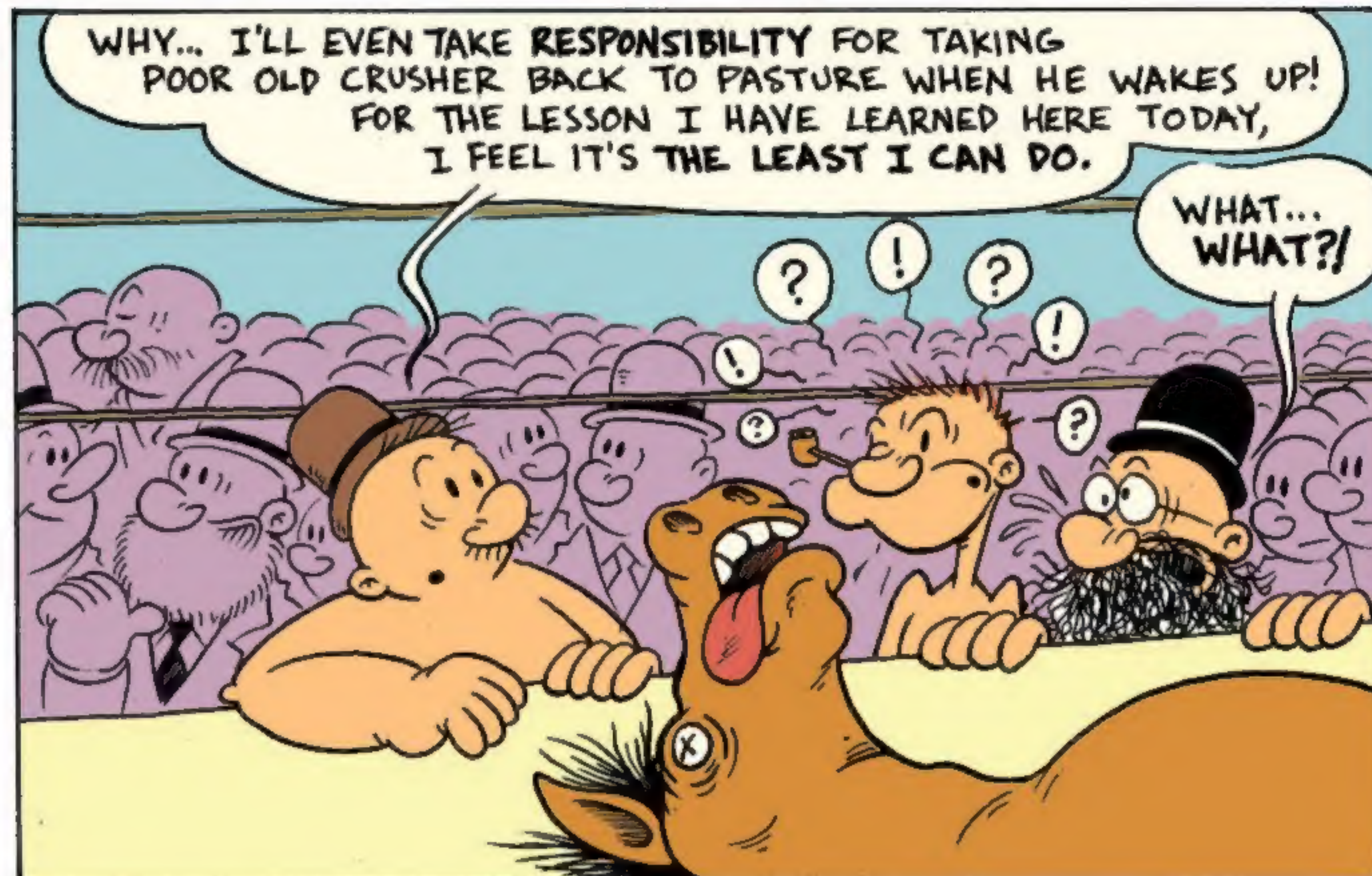
YOU'LL COUNT HIM OUT
OR I'LL KILL YOU TO DEATH
MY OWN SELF, YOU BUM!

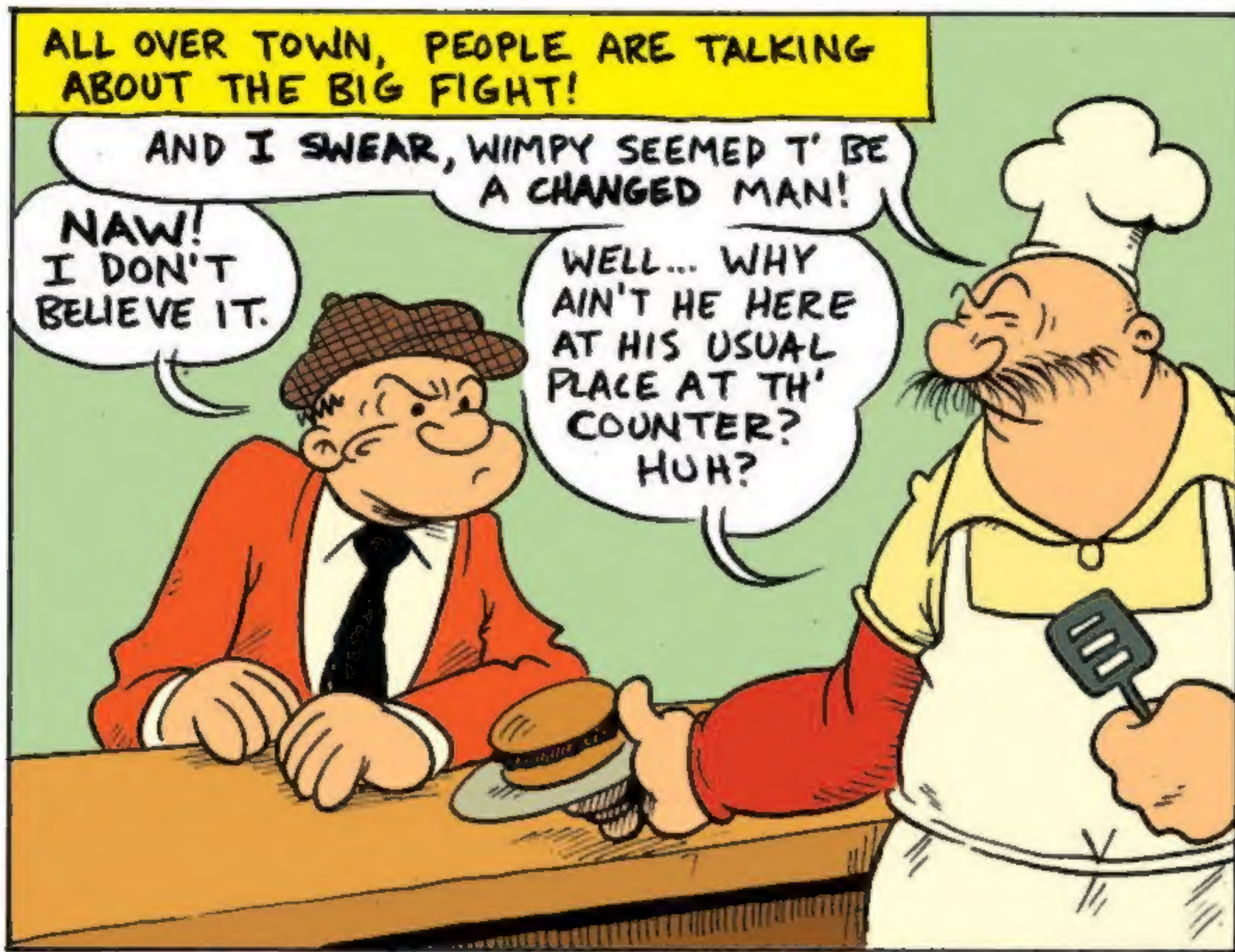
ACK! GACK!
OKAY.. O-ONE...
TWO.. TWO AND
A HALF..













Tyrant
Lizard
King

EMPIRE